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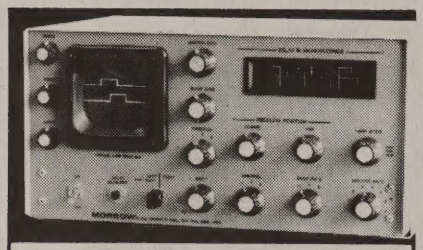

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No. 7275: Storm Sewer Outfalls In Bronx To Empty Into Harlem River.

Application has been made by the STATE PARK COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 380 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017 for a Department of the Army approval of plans of existing storm sewer outfalls into the HARLEM RIVER, AT WEST TREMONT AVENUE, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK.

The applicant has constructed four storm sewer outfalls terminating at an existing bulkhead. The diameters of the outfalls, starting with the most northerly one are 24, 18, 18 and 10 inches. The invert elevations of outfalls "A", "B" and "D" are 0.52 feet, 0.30 and 1.36 feet above the plane of mean high water. The invert elevation of outfall "C" is 2.14 feet below the plane of mean high water. These outfalls will carry stormwater runoff from the buildings shown on the plans, the plaza and the roadways. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has issued a water quality certificate for this work.

The existing bulkhead, the fill behind it and outfalls "E" and "F" were approved by a Department of the Army permit issued on 11 December 1970.

No. 7278: Bulkhead, Dredging and Floats in Moriches Bay in Speonk

Application has been made by JOHN STACHNIK, DOCK ROAD, SPEONK, NEW YORK 11972 for a Department of the Army permit to construct a bulkhead, to dredge, to place fill and to install floats in EAST RIVER AND SEATUCK COVE, MORICHES BAY AT SPEONK, TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK.

The applicant proposes to construct approximately 300 linear feet of timber bulkheading having a top elevation of 4 feet above the plane of mean high water. The proposed bulkheading will generally coincide with the existing line of mean high water. It is also proposed to dredge a small area directly in front of the proposed bulkheading to a depth of 8 feet below the plane of mean low water. The dredged material and clean broken concrete, approximately 65 cubic yards, will be placed behind the proposed bulkheads to an elevation of 4 feet above the plane of mean high water. The applicant also proposes to install four floats to be held in place by piles having a top elevation of approximately 7 feet above the plane of mean high water. The floats will extend 180 feet offshore of the existing line of mean high water.

No. 7279: Construction of Pier and Float in Larchmont Harbor

Application has been made by RUTH K. SCHARF, 3 BAY AVENUE, LARCHMONT, NEW YORK 10538 for a Department of the Army permit to construct a pier and to install a float with ramp in LARCHMONT HARBOR AT THE VILLAGE OF LARCHMONT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK.

The applicant proposes to construct a pier, having a length of 27 feet, a width of 4 feet and a deck elevation of 7 feet above the plane of mean high water. The proposed pier will extend approximately 21 feet offshore of the existing line of mean high water. The applicant also proposes to install a 15' by 15' float to be held in place by chains connected to anchors and the proposed pier's columns. The proposed float will be connected to the proposed pier by means of a ramp and will extend approximately 50 feet offshore of the line of mean high water. The proposed float and ramp will be removed from the water during the winter months.

Any criticisms or protests regarding the proposed work should be PREPARED IN WRITING AND MAILED TO REACH THE OFFICE shown above prior to 2 July 1973, otherwise it will be presumed that there are no objections.

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A PRETTY LADY WITH A PRETTY FISH: Mrs. Sandra Peluso and a largemouth bass she caught while fishing Lake Ronkonkoma with her husband, Angelo, on the weekend of June 2 and 3.

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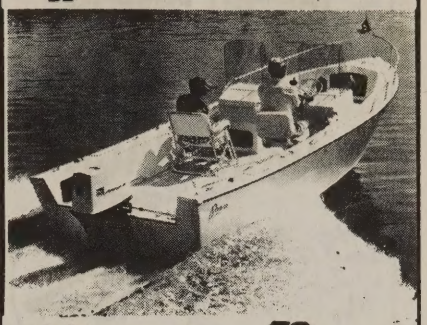

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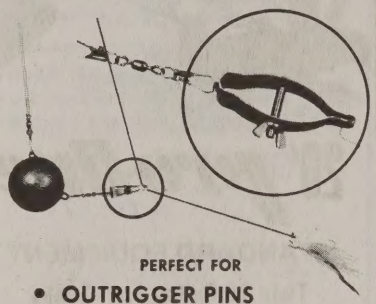

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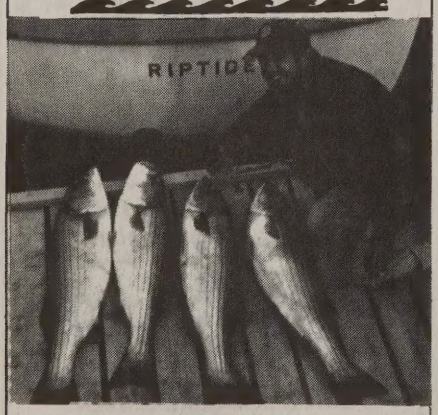

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SALT WATER LICENSE

I have written Assemblyman Duryea on the license situation of salt water fishermen opposing it.

Do you have any correspondence from readers and material with reference to the bill?

If so, would you send me what you have?

W. Scott, Secretary
Freeport Boatmen's Assn.
540 Grove St.
Freeport, N.Y. 11520

At the present time LIF has no correspondence from readers regarding the bill which proposes salt water licensing of fishermen in New York State. We urge our readers to respond to Mr. Scott's letter by writing to him directly, now!

CUBAN BLACKFISH

We were fishing over Cuban Reef, opposite the City Island Bridge, on the incoming tide with sandworms, clam necks, flounder hooks and an old, light spin rig that the most drag we can apply is a measure of four pounds.

My wife hooked a large blackfish. I got so excited when she got it near the surface after about fifteen minutes that the only thing I could think of to help her land it was the boat pole that has a small hook.

When we finally managed to boat and weigh it we were astonished to find that it weighed nine and one half pounds. All the fishermen in the yard came to see it. The next day they were all out on Cuban Reef.

We also caught several other blacks, averaging about one to two pounds, and one small fluke of about three quarters of a pound.

It was the best fishing day we have had in years and I thought you might be interested.

Anthony Olin
Bronx, N.Y.

FISHERMEN ALSO POLLUTE

On a previous party-boating trip out of Freeport I discovered the source of mass water pollution. As on every open boat, beer is the major beverage served and most cans and bottles are discarded overboard. The mates see this action, but they don't say anything for fear of losing patrons. The regulars on the boat respect their environment and help to conserve nature. The others couldn't care less. It's funny though; the men who throw garbage overboard have little or no fish in their buckets, while others are too busy catching fish.

Joe Goldstein
Oceanside, N.Y.

THANKS TO AL

I would like to express our deep sorrow on hearing of the tragic death of Al Reinfelder. Our club, The Outdoorsmen 25, would like to express our sympathy. We appreciated his articles on bass fishing and they were a great asset to us.

He will remain in our hearts when we will continue the fight for clean waters and the saving of our striped bass.

His death was a great loss to all sportsmen.

John J. Nessenthaler
Brooklyn, N.Y.

We continue to receive telephone calls and letters expressing the loss to people due to Al Reinfelder's death. To all, we assure you that the family and friends are extremely grateful for the warm and thoughtful responses on your parts. We most sincerely thank you.

"STRIPER TAGGING"

I am a member of the Farragut Striper Club, and as such take part in its tagging program. We tag for the American Littoral Society.

While going over the club's returns on fish (bass) tagged last year, I discovered a disproportionate amount of returns from Chesapeake Bay, Virginia and Delaware. This prompted me to make a few phone calls to friends of mine in other fishing clubs who also do a great deal of tagging. And likewise their returns revealed the same thing. Out of 72 returns between us on striped bass tagging in Long

Island waters last year, 56 were recaptured in southern waters. Never before has there been such a one-sided figure as this. Occasionally we did have returns from Maryland, etc., but never anything like last year's returns.

I wrote to the A.L.S. and their reply is attached to this letter.

I hope that this can be of interest to both yourself and your readers.

P.S. This may explain the reason for the poor bass fishing last year. I hope that the Hdson River is not dead.

Vito Orlando
Farragut Striper Club
Brooklyn, N.Y.

"Dear Mr. Orlando:

Your letter was of interest because what you have observed continues to be true in the Jan., Feb., Mar. & April 1973 returns. The first six month, Jan./June returns, will be published in a later issue of the "Underwater Naturalist." The nest issue out will bring you up to 12/31/72, plus, of course, some 25 or more 1972 returns which drift in during 1973. Some 42 returns are in for Jan. 1973 - 36 for Feb. - 61 for Mar. - 47 for Apr. - 25 for May - 6 for June. Through March the returns came mainly from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and limited N. Carolina. April returns are in Del., Md., Va., N.J. May's are principally N.Y. and N.J.

Weston Kayrs III of So. Portland, Maine has tagged many striped bass in the Saco River, Maine area. A very substantial number of his bass are recaptured in the Del., Md., Va. area. I just wish we had a great number of taggers in these states - who would be tagging bass now so we could round out the picture a bit. There seems to be little doubt but that a very substantial movement of bass from the Maine, R.I. area go on to as far south as No. Carolina. We do not have much to go on with reference to the Hudson River bass going south. It almost appears that they pretty much stay in the Hudson River. For instance one was tagged in the upper Hudson, caught in the Narrows area, released with the tag still intact and was again recaught for the 3rd time in the upper Hudson. Only a single instance of this, but it's interesting.

The issue of the Underwater Naturalist which will carry the first 6 months of 1973 will be of great interest. The number of returns grows greatly each year - we have over 200 this year so far.

I hope this has been of interest to you and to your group.

With very best wishes,
G. Macmillan"

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

SHINNECOCK SWORDFISH TOURNAMENT

The 10th Annual Shinnecock Swordfish Tournament is scheduled for this year on June 29, 30, July 1.

This year there will be two headquarters and two weigh-in locations. They are Nick's Marina on the Hampton Bays side of the Shinnecock Inlet, and Indian Cove Marina located on the Southwest entrance to the Shinnecock Canal.

All inquiries should be directed to Tournament Chairman John Reeve at (516) 728-2379 or to Shinnecock Swordfish Tournament, P.O. Box 569, Hampton Bays, N.Y. 11946. The entry fee is unchanged at $100 per boat (unlimited anglers, but all anglers must be registered prior to start of fishing) and includes two tickets to the Saturday night dinner-dance and door prize festival, to be held this year at the new Gold Coast Manor on the North Highway in Southampton. Additional tickets are available at $10.00 apiece.

As usual, profits will go to benefit the Shinnecock Anger's Artificial Reef Foundation.

CLUB NEWS

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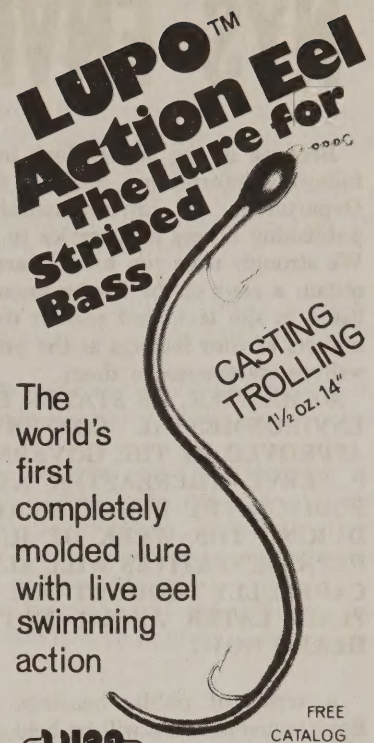

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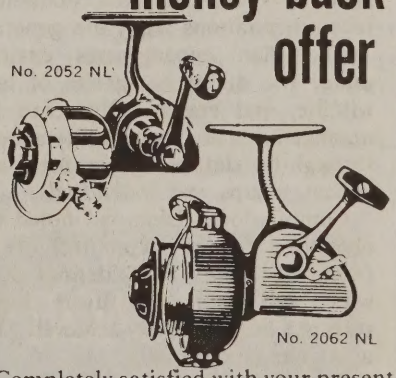

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NYS ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN READY

Because of the tremendous importance attached to the following information received from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, we are publishing it here as a service to ALL citizens of this state. We strongly urge you to: [1] carefully read this article; [2] obtain a copy of the Environmental Plan from the sources listed in the text, and read it through; [3] advise our law makers of your feelings at the public hearings and through written statements to them.

REMEMBER, AS STATED IN SECTION 30 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW, ONCE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE PLAN SHALL "...SERVE THEREAFTER AS A GUIDE TO THE PUBLIC". THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 9, 1973, AND OUR REPRESENTATIVES WILL ALWAYS PAY NOTICE TO CAREFULLY THOUGHT-OUT LETTERS. DON'T COMPLAIN LATER ABOUT NOT MAKING YOURSELF HEARD NOW!

A series of public hearings on the New York State Environmental Plan will be held during the week of July 9, Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry L. Diamond announced on June 4, 1973.

"This Plan is the result of months and months of painstaking work by the staff of the Department of Environmental Conservation in close cooperation with other key state agencies," Commissioner Diamond declared.

"Officials of local government, representatives of business, industry, agriculture, the universities and various environmental interest groups have been consulted, and a series of 'speak-outs' was conducted early in 1972 to obtain recommendations from the general public," he added.

The Plan encompasses environmental considerations under the major categories of land, air, water, fish and wildlife, and energy. Objectives for sound environmental management are listed to provide a framework for action through legislatures, government agencies, private industry, citizen groups and individuals.

Commissioner Diamond noted that in addition to major objectives related to control of pollution, the Plan also proposes the use of guidelines by all levels of government which will assure that future development throughout the state can be adequately achieved while minimizing its impact upon our environment.

Commissioner Diamond said:

"Most of our serious environmental problems have come about through a lack of understanding of future impacts. With today's technology and broader public awareness there is no need to continue those types of development which ultimately have resulted in serious pollution problems. The Environmental Plan strongly supports careful land use planning throughout the state.

"The Plan stresses the need to identify areas of critical environmental concern and set up standards by which both public and private decisions regarding future development may be made. There is emphasis on prevention at the same time we clean up present environmental degradation. We must bear the costs of our own pollution rather than deferring them to future generations."

Section 30 of the Environmental Conservation Law provides that after public hearing this Plan shall be submitted to Governor Rockefeller and the New York State Office of Planning Services for review. Upon approval by the Governor, the Plan shall "serve thereafter as a guide to the public."

Public hearing editions of the Plan will be circulated to public officials and environmental interest groups throughout the State next week. Additional copies will be available at the nine regional headquarters of the Department or by writing Environmental Plan, Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12201. In addition, copies will be distributed for use at major public libraries in the State.

Interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to present statements or comments regarding this preliminary edition of the Plan at the public hearings, or in writing to the above address. Specific times and places for the hearings throughout the State will be announced at the time the Plan is released.

These are the thirty-two major objectives stated in this discussion version of the New York State Environmental Plan.

Education

1. Make use of all opportunities to encourage full awareness and understanding of the environmental effects of our actions on present and future generations. Call on all to accept responsibility for the stewardship of environmental quality and resources.

Land

2. Develop land use guidelines to identify compatible and incompatible uses, relate environmental considerations such as energy, air and water, and incorporate public service needs such as water supply, solid waste management and recreational space.

3. Establish a statewide system for land use guidance, to fully account for local, regional and statewide environmental values and governments' capacity to provide sewers, water supply, solid waste disposal and other services. Institute specific controls in critical areas.

4. Vastly refine the store of information such as soil capability, geology, plant types and associations, animal habitat, and groundwater recharge areas, as well as related land use information. Expand data retrieval and analysis systems.

5. Make land use plans effective by modernizing control powers at all levels of government, revamping the property tax, and using public facilities to promote environmentally sound development.

6. Protect the Adirondack and Catskill Parks through strong management of the Forest Preserve and sound private land use practices.

7. Conserve productive agricultural, forest and mineral-bearing lands through good management and protection from damage and conflicting development.

8. Control litter, junk and signs to restore and protect visual qualities through regulations and education. Support community renewal and historic preservation, acquire scenic easements.

9. Require sensible packaging and product designs and practices to conserve raw materials and cut down solid wastes.

10. Eliminate discriminatory regulations that work against the recovery of reusable material from solid waste and fully apply modern recovery technology.

11. Promote efficient regional solid waste management to ease the burden on municipalities and halt the debasement of vanishing natural lands in urban areas.

Water

12. Further strengthen water pollution prevention and abatement; seek better ways to meet treatment needs; expand water quality monitoring network.

13. Minimize pollution from runoff by curtailing careless land disturbances during construction, use of sound agricultural practices, and by controlling urban area runoff.

14. Conserve water supplies through metering, reuse and protection of surface and groundwater sources. Control water use on Long Island. Promote regional water systems and system interconnections. Equitably allocate water among domestic, industrial and agricultural users.

15. Limit development in flood-prone areas, and relocate over time vulnerable development such as housing, schools and hospitals. Flood-proof existing structures where possible. Provide adequate flood warning system.

16. Protect water quality, scenic integrity and wildlife of lakes and recreational rivers against overuse and overbuilding of shorelines and adjacent areas. Balance recreation opportunities for swimming, boating, fishing and quiet relaxation through best use allocations in keeping with natural capacity.

Air

17. Raise air quality to a level which will protect public health and property and plant and animal life, through strict enforcement and implementation of clean air standards.

18. Ensure proper maintenance of auto emission control devices through establishment of testing and repair facilities and a requirement for warranties on new and retrofitted vehicles.

19. Provide for transportation systems which will reduce air pollution in metropolitan areas by relating transportation systems to land use development and vice versa. Use Federal Highway Trust Funds to expand mass transit. Locate new buildings and activity centers to minimize motor vehicle use.

20. Streamline testing of the nearly 54,000 industrial and commercial emission points, such as smokestacks, to speed correction of violations and enforcement of air quality levels.

21. Determine the hazardous effects of rarer air contaminants, such as mercury and asbestos, and adopt needed controls.

22. Limit noise emissions from various sources through Federal product and facility design standards and through regulation of hours and extent of equipment usage.

23. Reduce the impact of noise on people in order to protect hearing and psychological well-being, by controlling transmission and reception of such sound.

Fish and Wildlife

24. Protect existing fish and wildlife habitats to ensure their preservation and integrity as an essential part of the environment.

25. Create new habitats and improve existing habitats for desirable fish and wildlife by innovative management of land and water resources.

26. Manage all species of fish and wildlife for their intrinsic and ecological values and benefits to man by providing conditions for natural propagation; improving fish hatcheries, controlling species that may conflict and providing for harvest of selected species.

27. Provide opportunity for enjoyment and maximum best use of fish and wildlife resources by hunters, fishermen and nature lovers.

Energy

28. Insist that the Federal government implement within a year a national energy policy, which realistically assesses energy needs and supply, and commits the nation to developing alternative energy sources, controlling future demand and conserving environmental values and resources.

29. Increase the efficiency of electrical generation and transmission to conserve fuels and minimize environmental impact. Prevent or use waste heat.

30. Require that energy implications be considered in land use and transportation decisions to reduce energy waste and environmental degradation.

31. Apply stringent energy conservation measures for residential, commercial and industrial energy use, including improved insulation requirements and mandatory product efficiency levels, in order to reduce energy waste.

32. Require all new and replacement generating plants to adhere strictly to all environmental and land use criteria.

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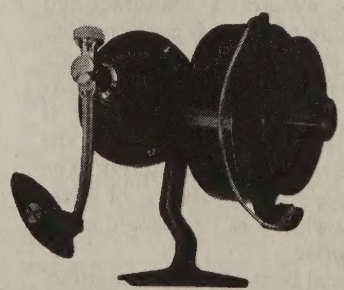

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by Don Vetter

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A dangerous situation, an invitation to disaster? Not really, for the boatman/fisherman in question knew his boat; what it would and would not do in any given combination of wind and waves. Knowing your boat, its abilities and its limitations, is the prime factor for safety afloat. Any sane fisherman must acquire this knowledge before venturing forth into the briny, and it is a knowledge that need not be acquired the hard way, though this is all too often the case.

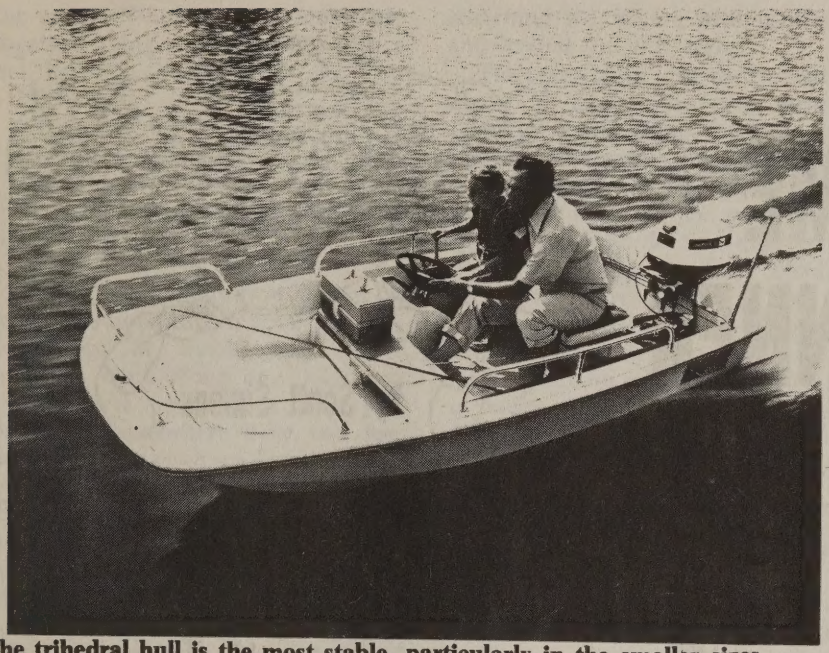
The first thing to know, which you should know even before you purchase your craft, is to have a clear idea of what sort of use you intend to put your boat to. Will it be fishing in the short, steep seas of the beach areas and inlets? Will distant offshore expeditions be the order of things? Perhaps it will be primarily a bay boat, with but an occasional bit of trolling or casting on the big water to change the pace. Though there are many versatile designs on the market, it is difficult indeed to find one boat which will perform well in all the aforementioned situations; a compromise must be made by first deciding what kind of fishing is your MAIN interest, and then choosing your boat accordingly.

Vee-bottom hulls provide a smoother ride in rough water.

Wood has long since lost its primacy as a boatbuilding material; less than 2% of the watercraft manufactured last year were of wooden construction. Though metal craft enjoy wide popularity in some quarters (the easily launched "tins," for example), it is fiberglass which now reigns as the most widely-used hull material. The maintenance-free durability of glass hulls being what it is, this should come as no surprise.

The typical boat of today, manufactured as a fishing machine regardless of make or hull configuration, features an open cockpit from bow to stern. It will be clutter-free, and will usually mount a center control console. Bear in mind that we are discussing craft in the 14 to 23 foot length range, of outboard or outdrive power, to expedite the trailering so necessary to the mobility of today's fisherman. Foredecks, windshields and gunwale to gunwale seats have no place in this type of fishing boat since they impede mobility within the craft, mobility you will want when changing casting position, or fighting a big one.

Within the general category of fishing craft described above there are, with some variations, two basic hull designs; the tri- or cathedral hull, and the vee. The Whaler is typical of the cathedral hull, and the Mako of the V. Many other manufacturers use the same designs, and I merely single out these two as an example of each type. Both designs are extremely seaworthy in competent hands, but each has its advantages and disadvantages. Particularly in the smaller

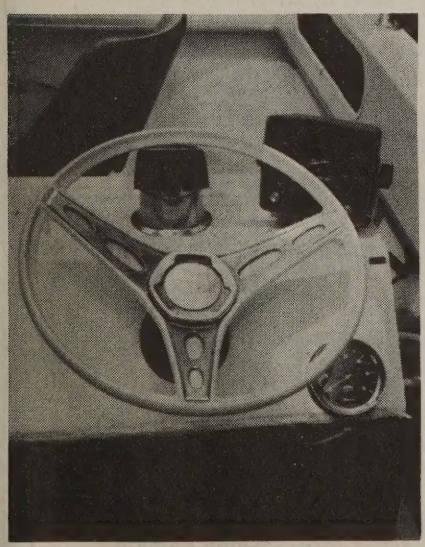


The trihedral hull is the most stable, particularly in the smaller sizes.

lengths (17 feet or less), the cathedral hull is unsurpassed in stability, and has a relatively shallow draft to allow comfortably fishing the shallows. With their broad surface at the waterline forward, they are quite rough riding in a chop, and their lack of much flare makes them throw a good deal of spray in rough water.

The V-hulls offer much smoother rides in heavy seas and throw less spray due to greater flare at the bow. Their greater draft makes them far less at home in the shallows, however, and they do not provide quite the same stability (at least in the smaller sizes) as does the broad, submerged surface of the typical tri-hull.

There you have it, as a generalization: the cathedral hull for inshore and shallow water, with better stability in the smaller sizes; the V hull for comfortable offshore fishing and heavy seas. Like all generalizations, this, too, will have exceptions. One thing to keep in mind: both these types are designed to operate best on full plane, so it would be foolish to power them with less than 2/3 the maximum recommended horsepower motor(s) as specified on the O.B.C. plate affixed to the hull.



The essentials - compass, tachometer and sonar - neatly arranged on the center console.

Though handling characteristics may vary somewhat with each design, they are alike enough to observe these rules in heavy seas. First of all, low transoms make them somewhat vulnerable to following seas, and when backing down, caution must be observed. Approaching an inlet in a heavy following sea, jockey the throttle to ride the back of one swell right through the inlet. One half to two thirds up the back of the swell is about right; avoid getting too near the crest, lest you be pitch-poled over the top into the trough below, and broached-to. In a head sea, you have far less to worry about; you may get wet but you are in a better position to control the boat. Even if you begin to take green water over the bow the self-bailing scuppers should be able to cope with it. If your craft is too small to be provided with a self-bailing cockpit, a neoprene-lipped, self-bailing drain plug is a worthwhile investment. Should the head seas become too heavy, and you find yourself shipping

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THE CRAB THAT CAME TO DINNER

by Scott Simons

The return of the blue claw crab to the bays and estuaries of Long Island in recent years has been met with great joy by fishermen and seafood connoisseurs alike. Not only a delight to catch when the summer-doldrums set in, the blue claw ranks with the shrimp and lobster as table-fare, and is the only member of the "big three" that anglers may catch in quantity.

Basically there are three methods of taking the blue claw: crab trap, scoop net and killie ring. By far the most popular is the trap, since it is easy to use and requires little, if any, skill to operate for results. Used primarily from docks, bridges and bulkheads, the crab trap provides a relaxing day at the shore and will often be used by a family on an outing. The smallest of children can use one, with dad's help, and nothing excites a kid more than a crab he has just caught, trying to bite his leg.

The crab trap (see diagram #1) is simply a square of pyramid-shaped wire mesh contraption with collapsible sides. Tension on the line holds the sides upright, forming a "cage." When the trap is lowered to the bottom, slack line is given and the sides open flat. The bait (any fish will do) is enticingly exposed, inviting Mr. Crab to walk right into your galvanized parlor. The trick is to know when there is a crab sampling your bait . . . the only problem is you can't. Thus the crab trap is largely a hit and miss affair, strictly for a leisurely afternoon at the dock or bridge.

Catching crabs with a scoop net is an entirely different matter. This is done by two methods: from docks and bulkheads during the day, and from boats with strong spotlights at night. Both methods are extremely exciting, and require split-second reactions and skill by the netter if he is to capture

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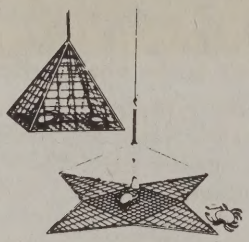
CRAB TRAP



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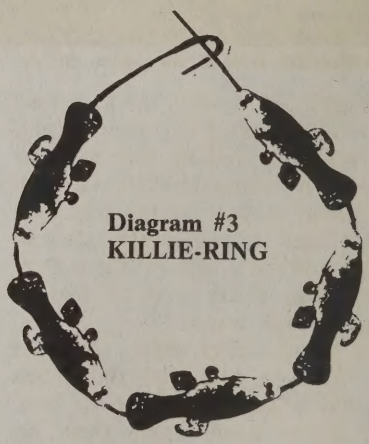

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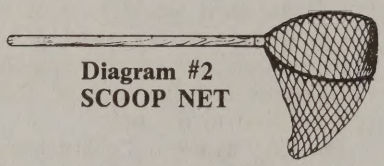
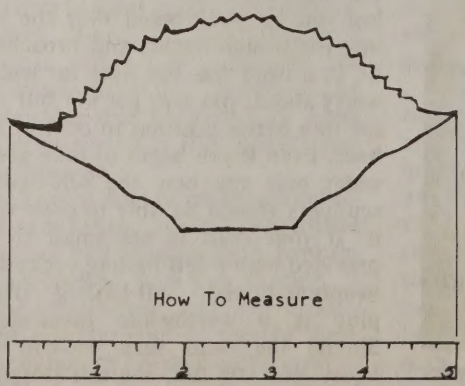
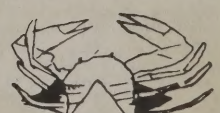


HOW TO IDENTIFY THE MALE AND FEMALE

As it is important to identify egg-laden female crabs, three diagrams are provided at right showing the underside of each sex. As can be seen, the shape of the "apron" varies with sex and age. The proper method of measuring crabs is shown below.





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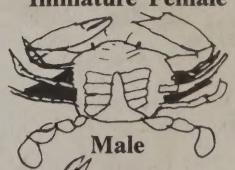

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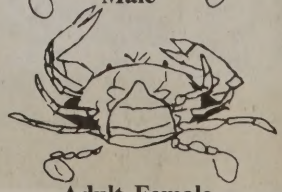

Adult Female

the nettee. Whenever two people are together trying to scoop crabs with a net, listen to the dialogue -

"Schucks."

"You blew it!"

"It was a bad angle."

"You blew it!!"

"He was deeper than it looked."

"You blew it!!!"

"#&?!!!†#!!! You try it!"

Scooping blue claws from pilings on docks and bulkheads is tricky at best, frustrating at worst, but always exciting. Walk along any dock and keep an eye open for a crab just holding on anywhere from two feet down until you can't see anymore. The trick is to bring the net (see diagram #2) up behind and below the resting crab. The problem is that this usually requires you to be standing about four feet away from the dock or bulkhead - - in the water. Most anglers can't do this, and that's why the cries of "Shucks!" and "You blew it!" are so often heard.

The second method utilizing the scoop net is done at night. Last year, blue claws were taken by the bushel basket under the Captree Bridge. Anglers cruised at idling speeds up and down the length of the span, searching the waters with spotlights and loaded up with crabs.

The crabs swim with the current - - about a foot below the surface. Quickly maneuvering the boat into position, the crab is scooped up. This is done while both the boat and crab are on the move, so you get only one shot. If you miss the first time, either the crab sounds or the distance becomes too great to reach him.

A spotlight hooked up to the battery is your best bet if you have a generator or alternator on your engine. The light is much brighter than a battery flashlight or spotlight, and doesn't dim. Dry cell batteries weaken too quickly and become expensive to constantly replace. A word of caution: this method of crabbing requires someone whose only concern is maneuvering the boat. He should not be assigned net or light duty. The boat traffic here is very heavy, and the pilings of the bridge win every time when hit by a boat. So be cautious, alert, and pay attention to where the boat is heading - not to the guy trying to net a crab.

Another method of catching crabs at night takes place on the flats. Run your boat into any shallow water in the bays and cut your engine. You need a boat with a shallow draft; preferably a flat bottom. If you have an outboard, lift your engine to reduce drag. Use a long pole and simply push yourself along, searching the bottom for crabs with your spotlight and scoop net in hand. It's a good idea to have a multiple-prong spear standing by at all times for the many eels and fluke you'll come across.

The killie-ring (see diagram #3) is the last method and goes back a few years; it is also the most effective way of taking blue claws from a boat. As far as I know no one has ever manufactured the killie-ring, but half the fun lies in making your own. Simply take a wire coat hanger and cut a length about 12" long from it. Bend it into a circle, bending one end into a safety-pin shape. A heavy line is attached with a sinker of sufficient weight to carry the rig to the bottom.

Killies are threaded on to the "ring," and the rig is lowered to the bottom and left there while you fish for other species. Occasionally, give the ring a gentle lift; you will feel the weight of a crab if one is feasting on the killies. Slowly raise the ring to the

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TIME FOR KINGS

by Vlad Evanoff

Fishing for kingfish in the surf can be relaxing and restful as these anglers have found out on a beach on Long Island.

The striped bass, bluefish and weakfish may be the "hot shots" of the surf in our area, but day in and day out you'll catch more kingfish if you fish for them. More correctly called "northern whiting", the kings are much more dependable than stripers, blues or weaks. These glamour fish come and go, or don't show up at all, and on many days few -if any- are caught. But when kings are running along the beaches you can usually make good catches every day.

Once you see a kingfish you can't mistake him for any other fish. He has a tall, front dorsal fin which tapers to a thin, flexible point. And the king has a tiny, underslung mouth with a "barbel", or single whisker, hanging from the tip of the lower jaw. His back is grey - blending into silvery sides. These sides are also marked with broad, darker bands running at an angle.

The kingfish is a member of the croaker family, which makes it a relative of channel bass, drum and croaker. Our species ranges from Cape Cod to Florida but is most plentiful from New York to Virginia. Other related species are found farther south and in the Gulf of Mexico.

You can use almost any surf tackle you may have for kingfish, but they run small; from about ¾ of a pound to 2 pounds. They provide a lot of fun and sport on light spinning outfits with limber tips, but this small fish puts up a surprising fight even on heavier surf rigs.

You can use the standard surf bottom rig or fish-finder rig for the kingfish, but make sure that the hook is small--#1 or 1/0 Eagle Claw, O'Shaughnessy or Sproat hook will do the trick.

This hook can be baited with bloodworms, which are the choice of most anglers going after kings: a two inch length run up on the bend and shank of the hook will be fine. Kingfish will also take sandworms, squid and small pieces of clam or shedder crab at times, and you might try using the big jumbo or edible shrimp you buy in a fish market as bait for them. If you can obtain some small sand bugs in the damp sand where the waves break you can try these; they are occasionally quite successful.

Kingfish can be found along most of the south shore of Long Island in the surf. I've fished for them along the Rockaways, Atlantic Beach, Long Beach, Jones Beach and farther out on the Island tward Montauk. Locating them isn't too much of a problem, especially in June and during the summer months when they are running well: You'll see surf anglers

lined up catching them from all the above-mentioned beaches.

They like the deeper sloughs, holes, cuts, breaks and edges of sand bars, but along some sharply sloping beaches the kings will come in close to shore to feed in the wash. Then there is the definite problem of over-casting. The best technique here is to make a fairly long cast, let your bait lie there a few minutes, then reel in a few feet. Let it lie again, reel in, let it lie, and so on until the rig is almost on the beach. Of course, once you start getting bites or catching kings a certain distance from the beach you can cast directly to that spot.

Kingfish usually gather in good numbers in a certain spot, or at least several fish will be feeding in a good area, so if you catch one or two fish you can be pretty sure there are more. If you don't get any bites or catch any fish, move down the beach and try another location.

You can also have good fishing for kingfish from jetties and breakwaters. Here you can often catch them at low tide by casting into the deeper areas.

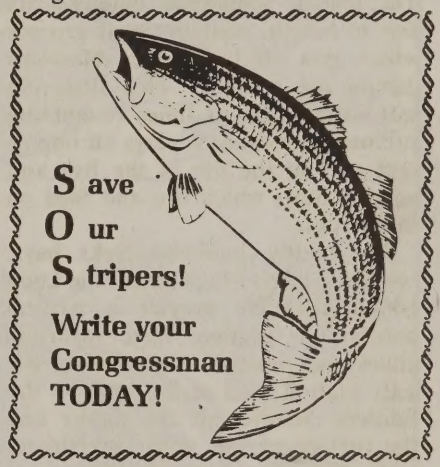
Surf anglers aren't the only ones who catch kingfish. They also show up in many inlets, channels, canals and bays where fishing can be done from a non-surf shore or boats. They are found in Shinnecock Inlet and also in Peconic Bay and other bays. Here, while chumming with grass shrimp for weakfish, you can often attract kingfish which will take sandworms or grass shrimp on the hook meant for the sea trout.

For such fishing in quiet bays, or where the tide isn't too strong, you can use a lighter outfit. A light, salt water bay rod or spinning rod is ideal for such fishing. In such spots you can use a light 8 or 10 lb. test line and a sinker weighing one or two ounces; possibly even less, depending upon specific conditions.

Kingfish hit quickly and sharply and often steal the bait, so wait while they peck at the bait and you feel the light nibbles. When you feel a solid tug, quickly set the hook. Once hooked you rarely lose a kingfish because it has a tough mouth in which the hook holds firmly.

Kingfish will usually show up in May, and there is good fishing in June and during the summer and fall months. Surf anglers often fish for them during summer nights after the swimmers have gone home for the day. In fact, they are an ideal fish for the working man who wants to do a little fishing early in the morning before work, or after work during the evening. You can even combine fishing for stripers, blues or weaks with kingfishing: At daybreak cast for a while for these fish, then change to a bottom rig for kings. Or you can cast lures at dusk or sundown, then change to a bottom rig later.

Once you catch a few kings, clean them, fry them and eat them. You'll know why they call them by that name. They make a meal fit for a king!



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A FOREST OF GRASS

by FRANK BERRAFATO

Sportsmen who fish the shallow, muddy shores along the North Atlantic coast have probably come into contact with a tall, leafy plant called grass wrack, more commonly known as eelgrass (Zosterina marina). The blades, sometimes reaching six feet in length, contain small grooves which give off little green blossoms during the summer. This flowering salt water grass, at times resembling submerged meadows, plays an important part in the life of the fish and aquatic birds which live and feed on the blades.

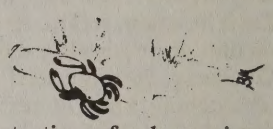
The muddy channels, creeks, bays, coves and inlets which indent the Long Island shoreline provide a natural habitat for eelgrass. Here spearing, killies and pipefish swim among the leafy blades; mud crabs, such as the fiddlers, honeycomb the banks and the surface of salt water marshland with their burrows. Blueclaw and hermit crabs are common in the creeks and bays. Spider crabs hide beneath the surface of the mud and in decaying weeds and eelgrass.

Scallops are found at the base of the plants. Various types of molluscs live on the eelgrass, providing food for the neighboring fish and aquatic birds (gulls, terns). Clams and worms also reside in the mud surrounding the eelgrass.

Eelgrass plays a significant role in the sportfisheries off Long Island shores. Anglers who fish for tautog, or blackfish, find that the grass works to their advantage since the fiddler crabs which inhabit the grass-covered mud banks are a favorite food of the blacks. Weakfish and snapper blues, particularly at night, are also attracted to the various baitfish which seek refuge in the eelgrass. Certain species of birds, such as brant (small geese), make the stalks and roots of the grass a substantial part of their regular diet.

Eelgrass plays an important role in fluke fishing. The summer flatfish are active predators which like to lurk in eelgrass and wait for an unsuspecting victim (killie or spearing) to pass. They will even chase their victims to the surface, and many times one can hear the fluke splashing in the shallow inshore waters at night. A favorite technique of Long Island anglers is to drift live killies, spearing, or strips of squid in the areas of submerged meadows. The intricate network of channels and creeks behind Point Lookout and Long Beach are well-known areas.

Unfortunately, eelgrass also has industrial uses. It is used in the construction of sound-proofing insulation boards, and also in packing. Large areas of the grass are racked up at low tide for these stupid purposes.



The concentration of eelgrass in a particular area varies from year to year, since disease periodically wipes out many of the grass beds. The early 1930's saw an almost complete disappearance of the grass, but the decade of the 1950's saw a heavy return.

Artificial waterfront construction, such as land burial by bulldozers, also destroys local eelgrass beds. Many shorefront communities within New York City limits are fighting to save the last vestiges of salt water marshes and eelgrass beds in their area. Powells Cove, Fort Totten, Little Neck Bay and Udall's Cove are prime examples of endangered wetlands.

Powells Cove has been an ecological battleground that goes back to at least 1968. Assemblyman Leonard P. Stavisky (D-Beechhurst) and State Senator Jack E. Bronston (D-Jamaica) were successful in their efforts to block passage of three bills which would have transferred Powell's Cove, and the acres of undeveloped shoreline on either side of it, to private interests. The long-term plan is to introduce legislation in Albany that would create a wetlands preserve.

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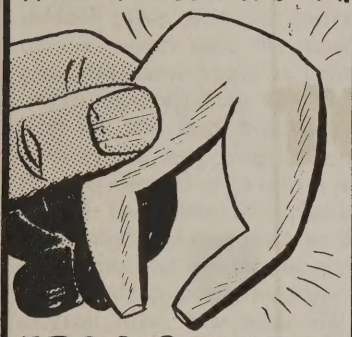

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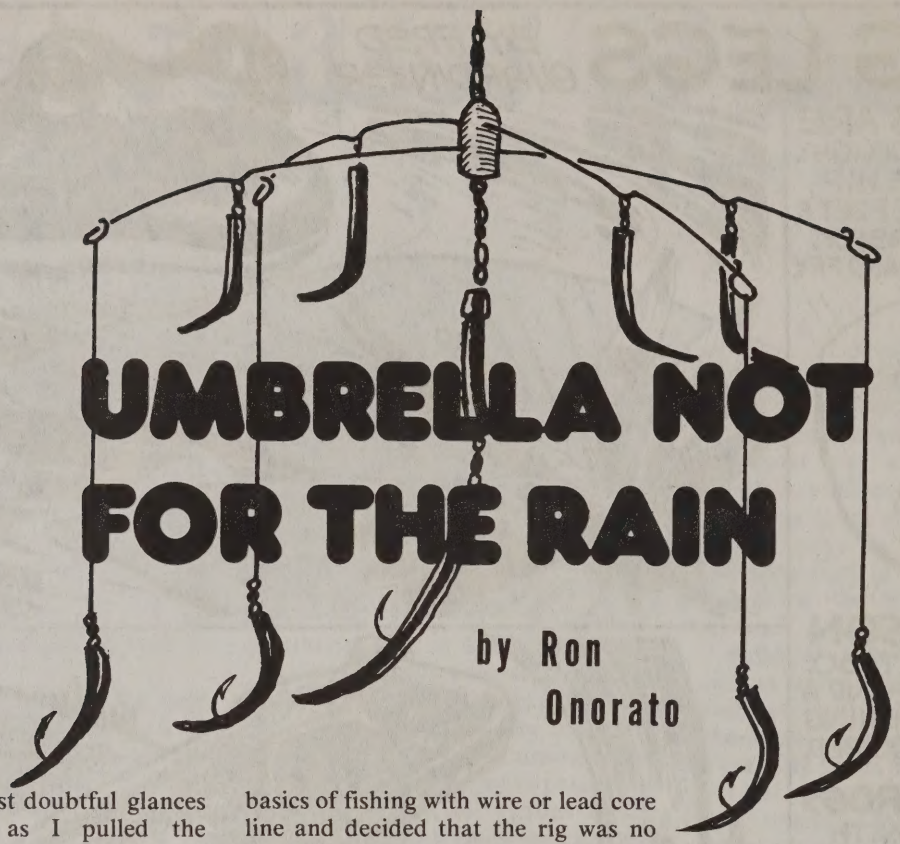

UMBRELLA NOT FOR THE RAIN

by Ron Onorato

Mike Scarola cast doubtful glances in my direction as I pulled the contraption out of its bag. It was the first time he had seen an umbrella rig, and he was skeptical at its fish-catching ability. After close examination, Mike concluded that the rig would scare the fish away rather than attract them.

I carefully put the entire umbrella rig in the water and gave him the rod to hold. Mike had just made some comments about how much drag this thing had when the trolling rod arched down sharply. After shedding much perspiration, Mike brought the fish up to the top. He had hooked not one fish, but three! The doubtful look was no longer visible on his face; it had been replaced with a grimace that signified everything was approved.

The umbrella rig is a rather recent development to the fishing scene. Created out East at Montauk some years ago, the umbrella rig (Christmas Tree) is now a staple lure among the legions of fishermen who use boats in search of bass or bluefish. When fish turn their noses up at other lures, the umbrella stirs them to a frenzy. Catches of three or four fish at a time are often the rule rather than the exception. But its popularity has decreased somewhat due to mechanical difficulties.

The average fisherman found the rig tangle-prone and very unwieldy to use. Many had never learned the basics of fishing with wire or lead core line and decided that the rig was no good. Since the rig is best used with metal lines, those who trolled with straight monofilament never recognized its true potential. To those who knew how to use it, the umbrella was deadly. This article will deal with the rudiments of both the preparation and use of the umbrella.

There are several ways that the rig can be made. The first will deal with the basic five-hook umbrella rig. You can buy a naked umbrella at any tackle store or, if you have the time, you can make up your own skeleton. The rig has two arms and a center head of lead. These arms pass through the lead head so that they extend out about 8 inches on either side. Midway on each arm is usually found a small loop; there is another loop at the end of each arm and an additional loop at the base of the lead head: The rig could conceivably carry nine rigged tubes. It is the usual practice to put four hooks on the outside and four hookless teasers on the midpoints of the arms, with a long surgical tube in the center.

The lures used are almost always surgical tubes. They range in length from 6 to 8 inches and carry a hook size of between 5/0 to 9/0. These lures are available in assorted colors at most tackle stores. If you plan to use the umbrella for bass you should get the larger tubes. When you are seeking bluefish, then it is advisable to use the smaller sizes. I have found flourescent red to be the best color for bluefish, while the bass show a preference for black tubes. Keep alternating the colors until you have found the right combination.

If you are seeking bluefish you must use a heavy leader when rigging the tubes. 80 pound test is generally sufficient. For the most part, bluefish will hit the lure from the back, thereby swallowing only part of the tube, and not touch the leader. Every now and again, the blue may engulf the tube completely or hit it from the front. In these cases, it is necessary to have the heavier leader.

You can use a lighter test leader when bass fishing: fifty pound test monofilament is about right. The lighter test makes the leader less visible to the fish.

Rigging the tubes to the umbrella is one of the more important steps in making this rig. For the outside tubes, cut a piece of mono leader about 20 inches in length. By using the improved clinch knot, connect the leader to the loop on the umbrella. After this is done, you then connect the tubes to the leader by means of a snap. (The snap is connected to the leader also by means of the improved clinch knot.) The snaps allow the quick change of tubes without cutting

leaders. If you have several rigs available, you can tie the leader directly to the tube.

Next step is to prepare the hookless teasers for the inside loops. You can use the same surge tubes for the teasers, but use the smaller sizes. With a pair of strong pliers, bend the hooks back and forth until they snap: You now have four hookless teasers. Take a six-inch piece of leader material and tie the teasers onto the inner loops, using the same knots as before.

The last step deals with the center loop (on the lead head) where you connect the long surgical tube. Any tube between 10 or 14 inches in length is good. Take about 30 inches of mono leader material that tests about 50 or 60 pounds and attach one end to the lead head; connect the other to the surgical tube. The basic rig is now complete and ready for use.

The rig just described is the basic umbrella that is a very effective tool for use on bass and blues, but there are several variations of the rig that can also be used. You can skip breaking off the hooks on the teasers and you will have an umbrella that is capable of catching 9 fish at a time. On the other hand, if you want to catch a single fish at a time you can break off the hooks on all the smaller tubes and leave only the long center tube with a hook. You can have two of four outside tubes hookless, and two with hooks. A little experimentation with all of them will determine which one is the best to use. Just keep in mind that you must adapt to the changing tastes of your quarry.

Now that we have made a rig, its proper use is the next step to learn. Invariably, the rig is best used with either wire or lead core line with a 20 to 30 foot leader which should test at about 60 pounds.

Once rigged onto the leader, slow the boat down to the approximate speed at which you plan to troll. Take the rig by hand and place it gently in the water, making certain that there are no tangles on the umbrella. Observe the rig's action; if all the tubes are spinning rapidly, you are going too fast. If they impart little action at all, you are going too slowly. When the tubes are spinning evenly, then you've attained the right speed. Once you have determined the proper speed, start stripping line from the reel a little at a time. After some line is out, use the forward motion of the boat to pull the rest of the line out. All

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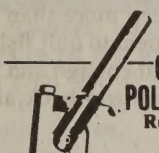

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more water than the self-bailers can cope with, it may be advisable to slow down to a semi-planing attitude and thereby bring the bow up a bit, but don't ever take the boat completely off plane in a heavy head sea.

When it comes to equipping your fishing boat it's largely a matter of personal taste and preference; bow rails, fish boxes, rod racks inside the cockpit, rod holders - horizontally mounted at the sides of the console, and/or angled aft at the stern for trolling - the list is endless. There are, however, three pieces of equipment which are practical "musts" for the fisherman/boatman.

The first of these is the compass. Though the flat card type is considered the best by many, it is not usually the best bet aboard a small boat because you must sight across the card to see the lubber-line clearly, and you can only do this from one specific position. The domed, or direct-reading card compass, offers the advantage of being easily read from almost any angle, as the lubber-line is at the front. The compass must be corrected for deviation caused by masses of ferrous metal aboard the boat (such as the engine). To do this you must follow known ranges, or a boat with a corrected compass, removing half the error on each successive east-west and north-south heading, until the instrument is accurate. If all this sounds a bit too complicated consult a qualified compass adjustor; an inaccurate compass is no compass at all. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron courses are available in small boat navigation and seamanship.

Next on the list of essentials is a tachometer, not only for checking motor and propeller performance, but also to measure speed more accurately than any marine speedometer can. Run a measured mile in both directions (to minimize any tide/wind factors) and take the average of the two runs at a given RPM to determine cruising speed. In this way, you will be able to determine distance run at a given motor speed, an essential for accurate navigation.

Last, but by no means least, is that instrument known in various quarters as sonar, depth finder and fish finder, and it is all of those. There are two basic types: those which record the bottom depth and any pelagic fish you may pass over on a graph (thereby leaving a permanent record), and those which give the same information via a revolving neon display. The latter machine is the much less expensive of the two but has the disadvantage that you must keep your eye on the display rather constantly, lest you pass over fish while your attention is away from the instrument. Locating wrecks, observing bottom structure, finding fish; sonar is literally the "eyes" of your fishing boat.

Having chosen the craft best suited to your fishing needs, and equipped it to your satisfaction, you are well underway to many hours afloat. That those hours will be safe and enjoyable is almost a certainty, if you take the time and trouble to know your boat.

CRAB THAT CAME TO DINNER

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surface - - the crab holds on to the ring while you quickly scoop him up with your net. Sometimes blue claws can be very stupid.

The blue claw crab is making a comeback from near-extinction in our waters, so fishermen should be extremely concerned with conserving the species. This can be done to a large degree by learning to identify the male, female, and most importantly, the egg-laden female crab. (See diagram.) Spawning occurs from May to October, with late August and September being the peak spawning months. Eggs are carried on the underside of the female in a mass called a "sponge." Be on constant alert for these "sponge crabs" and return them to the water. Next year your reward will be some of the many thousands of crabs that hatch from that egg mass.

Crabs less than 4" across the shell should also be returned as they don't have enough edible meat to warrant cleaning.

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you have to do is keep gentle pressure on the spool so that the line does not snarl or kink.

When fishing with weighted lines I suggest you let out 250 feet of line at first. If you get no action, then take in about 50 feet. Keep doing this until you find the right level of feeding fish. If you plan to fish in shoal water for bass, then 100 feet may be all you need.

If you hook more than one fish (this is very likely when using the umbrella), a little difficulty arises in bringing the fish over the side. If the fish are small, then you can grab the leader and flip them over. You will have to use a gaff if they are big. If you have two people and two gaffs, then one fish is gaffed by each person. If you have only a single gaff, look for the biggest fish and make that your target. After sticking the big fish, give the whole rig a mighty heave and try to lift everything over. The whole rig will now be a confused mess. You must be careful of flying hooks and slashing teeth.

The best thing to do when using an umbrella is to file off the barbs on the hooks. This makes it easier to unhook the fish, and the fish will not be too badly hurt if it squirms off the tube. Very few fish are lost if you keep up the pressure.

When the doldrums set in and the fish are deep, the umbrella rig can be the ticket to success. One thing to remember when using this rig is not to get greedy. Never keep more than you can use. It is no big deal to quit fishing when you have caught enough and it is just as easy to throw them back alive.

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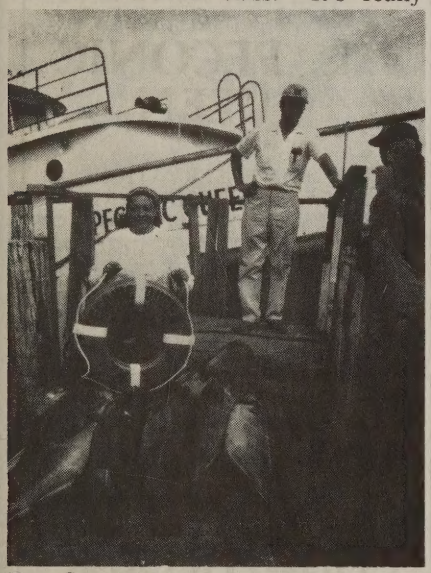
Capt. Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reports the fishing at Cox's Ledge is nothing short of fantastic. The codfish are all big, with many fish in the 30 to 40 lb. class. The pool winning fish is up in the fifty pound range. Capt. Forsberg said that on Saturday the fishermen were all satisfied early in the afternoon, and they returned to port with a full load of fish.

Capt. Les Behan of the "Peconic Queen II" said, "It's the best cod fishing I've seen in over 20 years." All the fish are big, with a good number in the 30 to 50 lb. class. "It's really unbelievable." The largest codfish weighed in at 60 lbs. George Cirkl moved into 2nd place in the derby with a 54 lb. cod.



Rae Swann's largest cod pulled the scales to 50 lbs. and won for her the daily pool. The fish was caught on the June 15 trip to Cox's Ledge by the Peconic Queen.

Capt. George Glas of the "Hel-Cat" reported the codfish at Cox's Ledge as being the best he's seen in many years. There were many fish in the 30 lb. class, with the pool fish going 45, 47 and 50 lbs. "The fishing was so good that all aboard stopped fishing early," the Captain reported.

Capt. Paul Sundberg, skipper of the charter boat "Montauk," said the bass fishing at the Pollack Rip has been good. He's been averaging about ten fish per trip, and the stripers are ranging from 10 to 15 lbs. An occasional lunker is thrown in. Offshore there are a good number of sharks around, mostly blue sharks.

Vincent Kattanick and Joe Stoffel with part of their catch, taken from the Andrea Doria, while aboard the Peconic Queen on June 16. Vincent's 54 lb. 12 oz. cod took the pool. Joe's biggest went 48 lbs.

John Keller of the Lake Montauk Marina said that the fluke fishing is excellent in the North Rips along both sides of the Point. Saturday saw one boat bring in 85 fluke, another 60, all good fish up to 7 lbs. No shorts here. Mrs. Tuma of Tuma's Tackle said the charter boats averaged better than 25 stripers per boat Monday, with quite a few bass of 40 lbs. taken. Very few bluefish to date. Plenty of flounder at the town dock and off the jetties.

PROMISED LAND

Porgies and sea bass are off Hicks Island and Can #3, not in great numbers yet but steadily improving, reported Art Brand of the Promised Land Fishing Station. Local casters are still picking bass and blues from the surf at dawn and dusk.

SAG HARBOR

Noyac Marina reports slow fishing this past week. This is not to say that no fish were caught. One group of anglers from New Jersey, consisting of John Melcoch, John Tenyo and Ben Lafer, landed 20 weaks on Saturday. They fished off the Monestary and used Salty Dogs and squid. Russ Brown, fishing with his son, Dick, and daughter in law, Jean, had a mixed bag of 2 and 3 lb. weakfish and also some medium sized porgies which were caught on sandworms.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows of the Capt. Clark reports the porgy fishing at the South Race and at Nassau Point is excellent. These fish are averaging ¾ to 1½ lbs., and they are taking clam or squid baits best. Weakfish are being caught every day but this fishing would have to be considered slow.

HAMPTON BAYS

Teddy at Three Aces Fishing Center reported that on Wednesday two fluke going 15 lbs. each were landed at the Coast Guard Station. Ted said small stripers are being trolled at the bridge.

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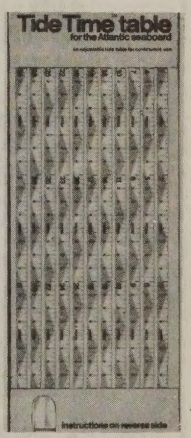

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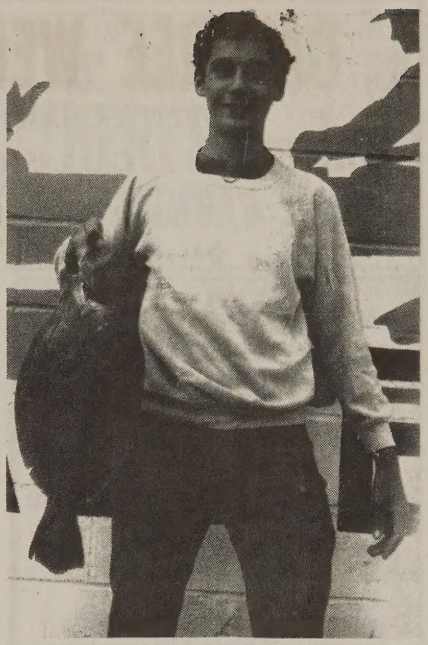

Fluke caught by Bruce Oldeak on June 20 at the inlet. The fish weighed 6 lbs. and was taken on shiners. Photo by Bradley's Fishing Station.

Ted also spoke of a good catch of big blues made by Capt. Harry Carter of the Scamp III. Capt. Harold Downs of the Sea-Carp and Tom McGrane of the Kool Cat each raised a swordfish this week but both refused to take a bait.

MORICHES BAY

Nancy Skidmore of Skidmore's Fishing Station reports fluke fishing remains good, with most of the action taking place at the old cut on the incoming tide. Fluke can also be caught in the bay at Buoys 36-39. Nancy said if you concentrate on flounder all day, you can expect about 40 fish.

Frank at Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station said boats out of his station have been averaging 6 to 10 fluke per boat. Some local sharpies have been catching as many as 25 to 30 keeper fluke. A few bass and blues are also being caught as a by-product of fluke fishing. Boats fishing the area of Buoy 32 manage about 35 to 40 flounders.

MASTIC BEACH

Keenan's Fishing Station reports that there is good fluking between Buoys 21 and 25 on squid and spearing. There are lots of short fish (under 14"), however, there are enough keepers to cause smiling faces.

SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reports generally the fishing is better than last week. The fluke fishing is much improved, however, many more have to be returned than can be kept. The best spot for the fluke is between Buoys 28 and 30. Buoys 18 and 19 are also producing good catches. Weakfish and kingfish are being taken at the Browns River Jetty. Fred and Otto Bezler used shrimp for bait with a chum pot and they came up with 64 kings and some weaks. The kings went to 1¾ lbs. Bill and Chick Dunbar came up with 20 weaks and a couple of fluke from the same area. Blue claw crabs are in solid.

WOW!! An 18 lb. fluke caught by Marvin Levy at the "new cut" on June 17. Marvin used the old, reliable killie and squid combination.

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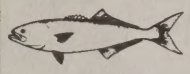

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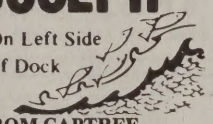

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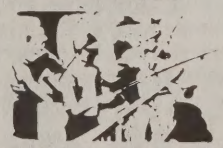

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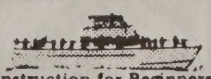

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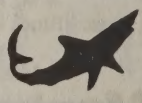

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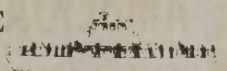

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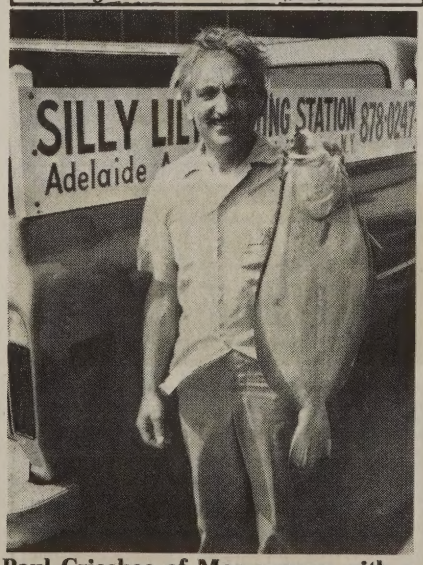

Paul Criccheo of Massapequa with a 9¼ lb. fluke. The fish was caught at Buoy 36 on a killie and squid combination. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

CAPTREE

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the boat that bares the same name, said there are plenty of fluke around but many of them are small. The abundance of the fluke more than makes up for their lack in size. The best areas seem to be at the inlet and off the Robert Moses State Park.

Capt. George Tweedy, skipper of the Capt. Scotty, reports that contrary to all other reports, he finds the weakfishing to be excellent, however, the weakfishing must be done in the extreme east end of the bay where clam dredgers are working, and only

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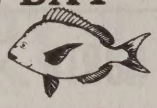

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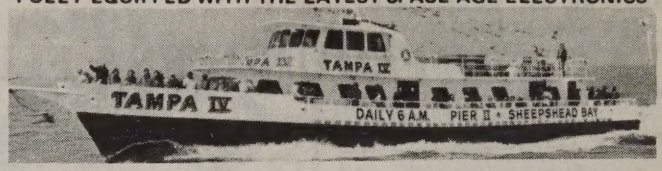

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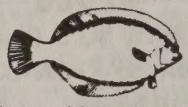

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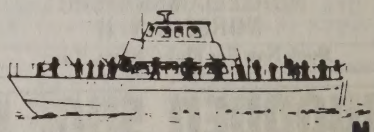

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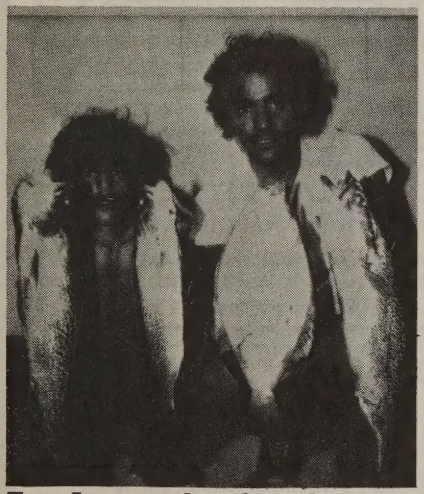
during the week when the boat traffic is less. From Monday to Friday Capt. Scotty is averaging 10 to 15 weaks per man for his customers. He said the Salty Dog is still working best. On the weekend, Capt. Tweedy is fishing for fluke and he said the fluke are abundant but many are too small and must be returned to the water.

Capt. Wayne Westerlind, skipper of the Capt. Wayne, finds the fishing to be fair on the fluke. There are many small fluke but there are also a few going up to 6 lbs. The high hook over the weekend had 11 fish, averaging 2½ to 3 lbs.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait & Tackle reports that the Babylon Tuna Club Shark Tournament was won by Bob Kaich fishing on the Cathy Queen. Bob landed a mako of 314 lbs. in 160 feet of water south of water south of the inlet. Runner up was Arthur Brandt who had a blue of



Tony Leotta and nephew, Carl Della Sala, with some of the weakfish and fluke caught off Heckscher State Park on Thursday, June 14. Photo by Anthony Leotta.

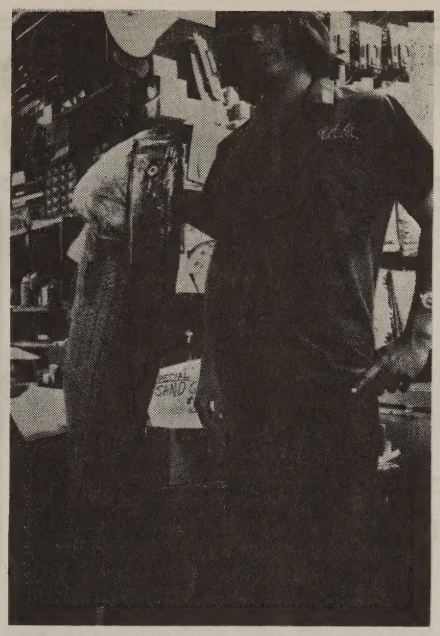
216 lbs. Augie said he weighed in over 50 sharks. It was also reported that some boats spotted tuna. Augie said local fishing remains good with plenty of fluke being caught in State Channel at Gilgo. A few bass can also be chummed with clam at the bridges.

LINDENHURST

John Schaeffer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle reported that the party boat My Dad returned with a good catch of blues on the weekend. John said fish up to 16 lbs. were landed. A striper of 24 lbs. was caught by Frank Said on clam bait at the Coast Guard Station on Thursday night. John said fluke fishing remains good in West Channel.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait & Tackle reported that on Sunday morning, Bill Mamoili of the Sunrise Fish & Game Club weighed in 35 striped bass up to



Greg Nisito from the Sea Isle Sport Center caught this 46 lb. bass at the second Wantagh Bridge. Photo by Causeway Bait & Tackle.

5½ lbs., taken on clam bellies in the State Channel off Tobay, at the top of the high and the beginning of the ebb. Other short fish were, of course, returned. Fluke fishing on live killies is excellent at Goose Creek and Black Banks. There is excellent crabbing at Bayview Avenue dock on live killies.

Jonas Bait & Tackle agrees that fluke are plentiful in the bays and they are getting bigger. A 15 lb. 10 oz. blue and an 80 lb. shark were weighed in by a member of the Amityville Fishing Club. These were trolled 25 miles south of Fire Island Inlet. Blue claw

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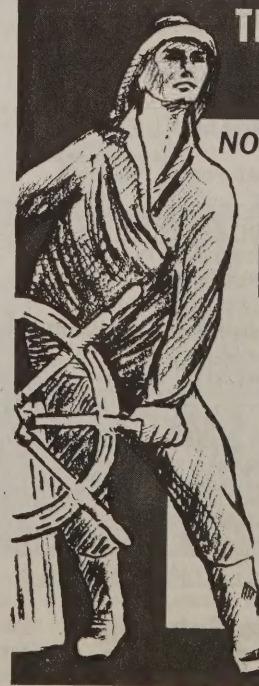

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crabs are all over the bays also.

SEAFORD

Carmine of Dell's Fishing Station reports fluke fishing is pretty darn good but many of them are shorts. Bill Liesen and Denny Fiero, along with Mike Roberti and Tom Brown, caught 11 fluke to 3½ lbs., fishing at the third Meadowbrook Bridge. Ken Smeker had seven fluke, plus a 2½ lb. weakfish fishing west of the draw bridge. Blue claw crabs are coming up all over the bay.

Naomi Fishing Station reported Mr. & Mrs. George Carr of Glendale had three nice fluke of 2½ to 3 lbs. and also one 3 lb. weakfish. Fluke fishing is good in general.

Pop's Fishing Station reported there are nice fluke at Goose Creek, Black Banks and by the old steel pier. The fluke are taking killies and squid. Five and six pound weaks in Zach's Bay are taking grass shrimp (chum as well).

Lon Wanser reports there is good fluking on both sides of the Wantagh Bridge. Some bass are being taken in the State Channel by clam chumming. A few weaks are around Zach's Bay.

MERRICK

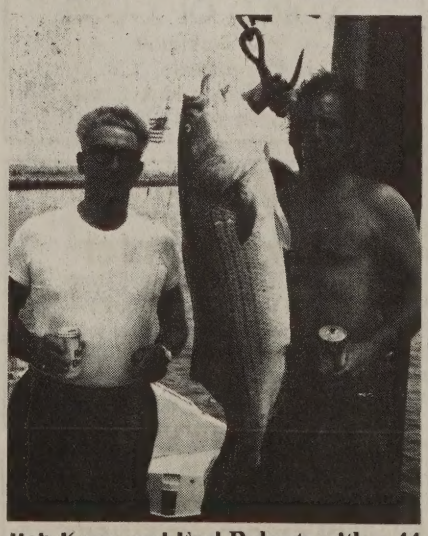
"Fluke are all over, but there are many shorts," reports Jim Boulukos of Nick's Fishing Station. Weakfish have been picking up. Good bass catches off Lido Beach in the ocean on live bunker and trolled bunker spoons.

N.Y. Bight Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the Star Stream said that this past week's bluefishing was fine. Richie returned with good catches every day, however, Thursday and Friday were exceptional days, with many of the fishermen on board landing as many as 20 to 25 fish apiece. Richie said that for every fish landed, two were lost, as the fish ranged in size from 7 to 10 lbs. The Star Stream had its best action at Monster Ledge.

Capt. Al Lindroth of the party boat Capt. Al also reported a fine week of bluefishing. Al said on Thursday and Friday the fish were most cooperative and the Capt. Al returned with "leap job catches." Al said the fishing slowed somewhat on the weekend and he attributed this to the heavy boat traffic. Al was most pleased to report that the ride to the bluefish grounds had shortened by one hour, and the fish can now be found 45 minutes south of the Cholera Banks.



Bob Kuno and Earl Roberts with a 44 lb. 7 oz. bass taken off Lido Beach on June 11. Bunker-dunkin' was the method. Photo by Charvin Fishing Station.

Some beautiful bass caught by [l. to r.]: Dick Shamback; Dick, Jr.; Dr. Jerry Ferrara; these fish weighed 43, 37, 28, 21 lbs. The bass were taken on bunker fished from the "Kim" at Sandy Hook. Photo by Henning's.

Capt. Bill Mieschberger of the Capt. Jack VI said beginning Friday night he will be sailing nightly including Sundays for blues, departing at 7 P.M. Capt. Cliff Tadje will skipper the boat for fluke during the day.

Capt. Paul Schmidt of the Aloma II said fluke fishing slowed up this past week. Paul said not nearly as many fish were caught this week, but that the fish were much bigger in size. Fishing off the Lido Beach Hotel, fares landed fish up to 7 lbs.

Capt. Bill McFarland of the Marie III said bluefishing was good all week. On the weekend the Marie III and other boats from the Freeport Boatman's Association found the fish hard to come by. Bill said the fish that were caught were stuffed with small anchovies and Bill attributes the slow fishing to the excessive amount of baitfish in the area.

POINT LOOKOUT

Mrs. Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports excellent fluke fishing. Catches averaging ten keepers per boat have been consistent. On Saturday, John Balchaitis of Long Beach and John Williams of Merrick landed two stripers off Lido Beach. They weighed in at 35¼ and 40 lbs. even and were caught on fresh bunker. Mrs. Wardle said flounders can still be caught in Swift CReek. A few small bass are being caught at the Meadowbrook Bridge by clam chummers.

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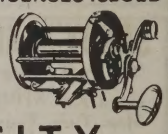

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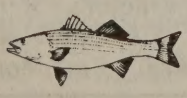

Fishing Station reports that fluke fishing remains good in Reynolds Channel and also along Rockaway. John noted that there has been a substantial increase in the size of the fish. John also knew of some big stripers which were taken during the week off Long Beach by bunker dunkers. For the small striper enthusiast, the Atlantic Beach Bridge has been yielding good catches for clam chummers.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reports fluke fishing remains excellent, with fish averaging 2 to 3 lbs. Rowboats out of Henning's have been returning with six to ten keepers per boat. Most of the action is at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and the Coast Guard Station. Sy reports weighing in many large stripers this week, with the largest going 47 lbs. These fish are being trolled on spoons and tubes and can also be taken on fresh bunker. The action is taking place off Atlantic Beach and Rockaway. Sy said the Lawrence Yacht Club Shark Contest was won by Ronnie Kleinfield fishing on the Bellesprit. He landed a blue shark going 106 lbs.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Victor Becker of the Tampa IV reports good bluefishing up to and including Friday night. Friday night's fishing was exceptional, with some fishermen landing as many as 25 jumbo blues. On Saturday the fish were most uncooperative and you can only refer to that day's fishing as stiff. Although some fish were caught on Sunday, the fishing was not good. Victor said huge schools of fish were seen breaking water, however, they refused to respond to the chum.

Mike's Tackle Shop reports that party boats have been having a picnic with jumbo blues this entire week. Mike noted one exceptional catch which was made by the Brooklyn III on Sunday night. The Brooklyn returned with most fishermen on board landing 15 to 20 fish per man. Some sharpies on board did much better than that. The fish were caught south of the H.A. Buoy.

Mike Lee of the Stella Maris Fishing Station said this week's striper tournament, sponsored by the Kings Bay Striper Club, was a huge success. Mike said many large bass were caught in the area of Sandy Hook and the Golf Ball. Most of the fish were taken on bunker spoons and fresh bunker.

Harold Anderson of the Bay End Dock said fluke fishing continues excellent on the Plum Beach flats and also the area of the Marine Bridge. Harold said fishermen have been averaging 15 keeper size fluke per boat. Stripers in the 3 and 4 lb. class can be trolled at the Round House and also off the jetty. These fish have been responding mostly to tubes.

Capt. Fred Ardolino of the party boat Amberjack IV called to report that Sunday night's fishing was excellent. Fred said fishermen averaged 15 to 20 fish per man with many fish weighing in excess of 10 lbs. The Amberjack fished 2½ hours south southeast of Rockaway Jetty.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop described this past week's bass action as fantastic. At Oakwood Beach fish up to 28 lbs. were caught, mostly on plugs and poppers. Blue and white were the hot colors. Annadale Beach has also been yielding good catches of bass and blues. Plugs and also worm bait have been turning the trick. One fisherman who was fishing for fluke at the Great Kills Park Jetty decided to try a Salty Dog lure. The upshot of this was that he landed a bass of 20 lbs. Lenny said fluke fishing in Great Kills Harbor remains excellent. This past week Santo's moved to a new location and the address is 1493 Hylan Blvd.

SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian of Julian Bait Co. reported weighing in over 30 large bass during the weekend. On Saturday the best catch of the week was weighed in by a trio of fishermen consisting of Jim O'Donnel who landed a bass of 18 lbs., while his partner, Leo Dacey, managed fish of 23½, 20 and 32 lbs. even. Topping that was Pete Sliwka who had five fish going 22½, 20½, 18, 38 and 22 lbs. These fish were all caught from the same boat with fresh bunkers. The largest fish of the week was landed on fresh bunker on Sunday by Lou Breita of Metuchen. This bass weighed in at exactly 41 lbs. Joe said most of the action is along Sandy Hook, and the majority of fish are being caught by bunker dunkers.

North Shore Report

ORIENT POINT

Peter of the Port of Egypt reported that Alex and George Planzos of Brooklyn took two bushels of porgies up to 2½ lbs. just west of the POE's Orient Point station, which will open the first week of July. Plenty of blackfish right under the lighthouse and quite a few fluke in the area. The one boat that went exclusively for fluke took 22 good size fish right in front of the POE station. Pete said that the new launching ramp will be ready at Orient Point sometime in July.

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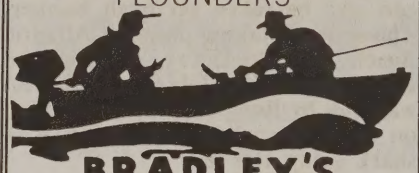

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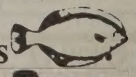

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Shop said bluefish are hitting 4-6 oz. diamond jigs at Jessups Neck. Porgies are all over the bay. There are also some scattered weaks. Blackfish are good in Block Island Sound at Gull Island, Green Hill, Race Rock and the L.I. Sound at Orient Point. Good catches of bass trolling 3 oz. yellow bucktails on wire line in the evenings at Plum Gut. A few large bluefish have also been taken there and at Bunker City.

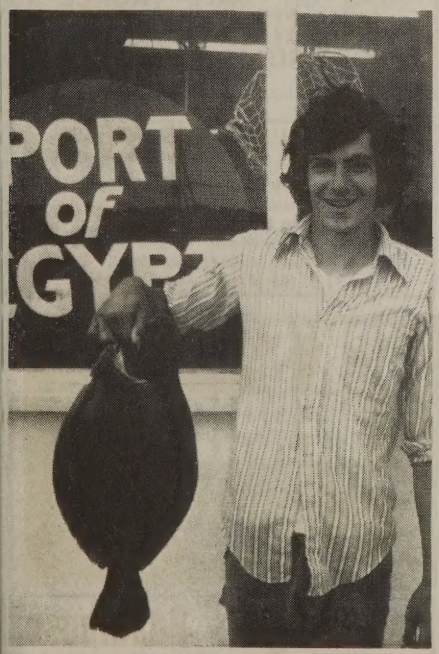
Capt. Bill Jensen, skipper of the Wilhelric, reports the blackfishing at Gull Island and Plum Island is excellent. The blacks are averaging 5 lbs. and they are plentiful.

SOUTHOLD

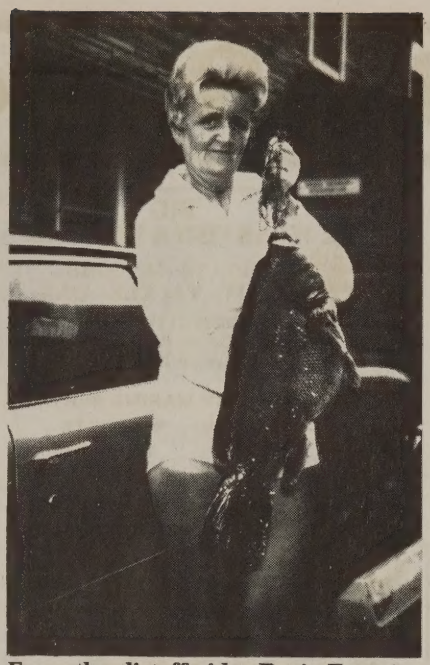
A good weekend saw very, very good catches of 1 lb. porgies, Pete of the Port of Egypt reported. Best spots for the porgies are Buoy 14 and at the South Ferry. Saturday, Nick Russel returned to the dock by 1 o'clock with 107 porgies he bagged by himself. Bluefish are being taken at Buoy 17 on 6 oz. diamond jigs. The blues are 3-8 lbs. now, but should become smaller as the season progresses. Weakfish are still very slow and will probably remain so until they get their second wind in mid-July and August. Barney Oats, one of the local sharpies, jigged bass of 12 and 15 lbs. in Plum Gut on diamond jigs.

NEW SUFFOLK

Plenty of sand porgies 1-1½ lbs., with a few tipping 3 lbs., reports Phil Loria of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station. Lennie Rowe, Ray Sampson, John Eethea and Steve Walden, all of



This 7 lb. fluke was caught on squid near Dering Harbor, Shelter Island on June 15. The lucky angler was Mike Krzemanski, a dockhand at Port of Egypt, on his day off.



From the distaff side: Doris Esposito from Syosset caught this 11 lb. 14 oz. blackfish off Stehli's Beach, Bayville on June 3.

NYC, had 200 porgies up to 3½ lbs. on Sunday. They fished south of Buoy 25. Roosevelt Rogers of Westbury had three weakfish up to 6½ lbs. with his 40 porgies on Sunday. He fished south of Buoy 22 with sandworms.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Bill of PRalph's Fishing Station said that there are plenty of porgies in the ¾-2 lb. range from Buoy 11 to 9. Plenty of blackfish in the deeper water of the Sound. Fluke up to 6 lbs. are being taken on skimmer clams offered to porgies. Bill said that he will stock live killies this week for anyone who wants to take a serious shot at the fluke. A few weakfish and sea bass are mixed in with the porgies and stripers are very good in the evenings.

PORT JEFFERSON

"Great bottom fishing," reports from Caraftis Fishing Station say. Porgies by the "thousands" from Old Field Point east to Wading River and Buoy 11. Fluke up to 7 lbs. were taken while drifting for porgies. Blackfish up to 8 lbs. are mixed in with the porgies. Stripers up to 35 lbs. were caught during the week trolling worms on spinners. There are a few weaks left in the harbor and a scattering of sea bass throughout the area.

Queensland Cove Tackle reports that blues are being taken in the morning at Cedar Beach on Hopkins.

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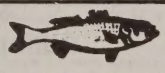

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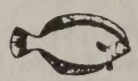
BAIT  **BOATS**

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Capt. Joe Cash of the Port Jeff Ace reports fishing is excellent and the fishermen are coming home with a mixed bag of fish. Porgies are hitting best, with blackfish running a close second. Some sea bass are mixed in. The best area for this fishing is off Miller Place.

NORTHPORT

Tom Bowman of Bowman's Sporting Goods said that some nice weakfish are coming out of the surf at Makamah Beach. Incoming and high tides produce best. A few blackfish around the rocks and an occasional fluke. Bass fishing in general is slow, most fish being caught in the schoolie range. No blues to report yet. Porgies are anywhere you open a clam.

GLEN COVE

John Cacciola of Glen Cove Sports said that big stripers are being taken off all the beaches, particularly the Prybil Beach area. Good catches of sand porgies are consistent off Matinecock Point. Blackfishing is very good behind the rocks off the CReek Club. Bluefish have still been surfacing in Manhasset Harbor but no reports of any good catches yet.

Ed Lemp of Lemp's Rod & Gun Shop called in to report the results of a four club derby that took place over the weekend. The participants were Mill River Rod & Gun Club, Glen Cove Anglers, Manhasset Bay Sportsmen and the Mattinecock Rod & Gun Club. Coming in first was Tom Butler of the Mattinecock Rod and Gun Club with a 43 lb. 11 oz. striped bass. Runner up was Ernie Gaebel of the Mill River Club with a 15 lb. 12 oz. striper. There were numerous smaller fish taken, but when Butler put his cow bass on the scale the others hid their fish to save humiliation.

BAYVILLE

Pump's Park Fishing Station reported there are lots of sand porgies being taken on squid at Centre Island Reef and off the hospital. Bass are being taken off the Centre Island Reef at high tide by trollers offering bucktails and Rebels. Real sharpies are employing umbrella rigs with some success. Blackfish seem to have withdrawn from the scene.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reports good bass fishing at Hart's Island, with fish going up to 23 lbs., and taking cut mackerel strips from boats anchoring by the big boulder on the east of Hart's Island. Jack advises letting the cut bait lay on the bottom, then leave some slack line. Small bass are being taken in Turtle Cove on Kastmasters. Blackfish are still good at Hart's Island, the old CBS tower and Execution Light. Fiddlers and green crabs turn the trick. A few nice weaks can be found between Fort Slocum and the CBS tower. Sand porgies are taken on the bottom hook and the high hook takes the weaks on squid. Also, there's one school of macks still bouncing around the area.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

DICK ALLEY

MILFORD

Lots of bass, says Vinny Ciulla of the Sportsman's Rendezvous in Milford. John Kaukas fished a mackerel bait for his 45 pounder. Ray Huggins and Fred Wheeler fished the beach in West Haven and collected twenty bass scaling from 8 to 16 lbs., all on live eels. John Ascinto had a good day with stripers and weaks using the Upperman Bucktail. The spot was Charles Island, and the weaks weighed up to 7 lbs. Lots of herring and bunker have been spotted off Morningside near the barber pole.

STRATFORD

Scoring on blackfish during the week were John Kulas of Bridgeport, Joe Corcoran, and a Mr. Jones of Naugatuck. Blacks are running generally large, reports Mrs. Fordham at the Housatonic Marina. There are still some flounders around, so proved Mr. Diotalevi of Easton, who collected 10 in an afternoon of fishing. Weaks are slow, but bass fishermen continue to score from Long Beach and Short Beach. Mr. Flanagan took a 22 lb. striper fishing the surf with worms.

WESTPORT

Compo Beach has yielded some respectable stripers to surf anglers fishing mackerel baits, reports Ed Boland at the Westport Tackle Shop. Ed Newman landed a 20 pounder, and Chuck Shiboski, a 17½ lb. striper. Ed saw another angler land a couple of weaks in the 5 lb. class at Compo. Both hit a Hopkins. I was with Dave Rourke when he took a pair of stripers scaling 13 and 15 lbs. off Schlait's Point the other evening. Dave Stein scored again with bass of 25, 18 and 8 lbs. on a single trip. All of the above are credited to mackerel. Then there's Paula Martin, who christened her new surf outfit with her very first fish, a blackfish scaling 3½ lbs. Blackfishing is still very good at Compo. Another anglerette, 4 year old Jennifer Swezey, landed her first trophy in the fresh water this week. Her 5 lb. 2 oz. largemouth bass hit a small Rebel.

WATERFORD

At Hillyer's Bait & Tackle the word is bass, and planty of them. Nick Ducas took a 55 pounder trolling a lure. First blues are beginning to show at Plum Gut, with a few sporadic catches already reported. Weakfishing is slow, but blackfishing is just the opposite, with tautog reported at just about any spot a fisherman would like to try.

Starting next week, John Wadsworth will be reporting from Capt. John's Sport Fishing Center in Waterford, adding more information from this eastern Connecticut hotspot.

MYSTIC

Shaefer's Boat Livery tells us there are plenty of fluke hitting in Fisher's Island Sound. One boat came in over the weekend with 25, averaging 2 to 5 lbs., and they're close to shore. Blues have showed up in the Race. The bass situation is fantastic, with lots of weigh-ins of 40 to 45 lb. fish. Just a couple of the anglers to score in this weight class were Charlie Vendor and Dan Gaynor.

NEW LONDON

Marsters Dock advises that bass and cod share the wealth among the many charters departing the dock daily. Capt. Sonny RTerranova, skipper of the Bonita, has taken several fish ranging from the 20's through the 40's, and the big one so far of 52 lbs. Blues are hitting at Greenport, while cod are described as tremendous off Block Island.

NEW HAVEN

Weaks, fluke and stripers are all available off West Haven beaches. Bass are school size, with lots of shorts to be released. Blacks are thick between Bradley Rock and the Breakwaters, as well as Charles Island and Townsends Ledge. Lighthouse, Charles Island, Woodmont and Branford are paying off, both for trollers and small plug fishermen who specialize in bass. The first blue showed at West Haven this week, as well as huge schools of bunkers. The blue scaled 4 lbs., and hit a mackerel bait. The Meadows on the Connecticut River near Middletown boasts a launching ramp, park and picnic area. With it comes fishing in the form of perch to 2 lbs., carp up to and over 30 lbs., eels, catfish, and stripers. Walt Janeczek at Outdoor Sports says it's a worthwhile day of fishing.

BRIDGEPORT

Stowie at the Sportsmen's Den tells of a problem he has encountreed with tagged fish. He's seen or heard of several in the last week or so that are sore and bleeding, due to being tagged in the meaty part of the fish behind the dorsal fin. He recommends taging through the fin itself to prevent injury to the fish.

Bass men are cleaning up at Long Beach, Short Beach, and the Gun Club. Stowie took his 8 pounder on a Hopkins Chunky, removed the tag and released it. Several weaks are being

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taken around Penfield Reef, and at Fayerweather. On the fresh water side, Lake Zoar yielded a pair of trophy rainbow trout during the week. Dennis Peters of Monroe, and Ed Rasmussen of Bridgeport were fishing together, and took trout of 5¼ and 5½ lbs. respectively. How the trout arrived in Lake Zoar is anybody's guess.

Bob Zam Pidri at Bob's Bait also commented on the weaks at Penfield, reporting that one of his customers collected fifteen 4 to 5 pounders in a fishing trip. Bill Trefny scored from the surf with mackerel. His fish, all stripers, scaled 48 lbs. 10 ozs., 14 lbs. and 11 lbs. The spot was Sasco Beach. Pete Sczinski also had a good afternoon, with four fish ranging from 17 to 23 lbs., and Al Tasko scored at Sunken Island with mackerel. His bass tipped the scales at 30 and 13 pounds.

Alex Bish at Cedar Creek Marina tells of fair bass fishing, with scattered bass, weaks and porgies. Blackfish are holding in as best bet.

Ted Ferrante of Ted's Bait has had reports of blues off Penfield. Somewhere in Bridgeport someone caught a 49 lb. striper, but we're still trying to find out who he is. A customer brought in a 4 lb. weak, and loads of porgies and blacks reach his ears daily.

STONINGTON

Bass again is the watch word at Freddy's Boat Livery in Stonington. Lou Mitchell and Jim Buckowski, in two days fishing, took 35 fish up to 40 lbs. in weight. Night trolling is the method, with green and blue Stan Gibbs plugs on wire. Weaks are slow, with fluke fishing picking up daily. The first blue was brought in at mid-week.

OLD SAYBROOK

Russ Fleet reports from the Connecticut River Striped Bass Club: Rimas Taruski scored again with three 16 lb. stripers. Joe Bukowski nailed a 26 pounder at the Race. Ann McQueeney, anglerette from Higganum, caught her first 20 lb. bass of the year at the Connecticut River mouth. Russ has had reports from Narragansett Bay at the Narrow River, where bass anglers are having a blast. Hammonassett State Park has been undependable, with only one good night of fishing in a week's time.

MAMARONECK

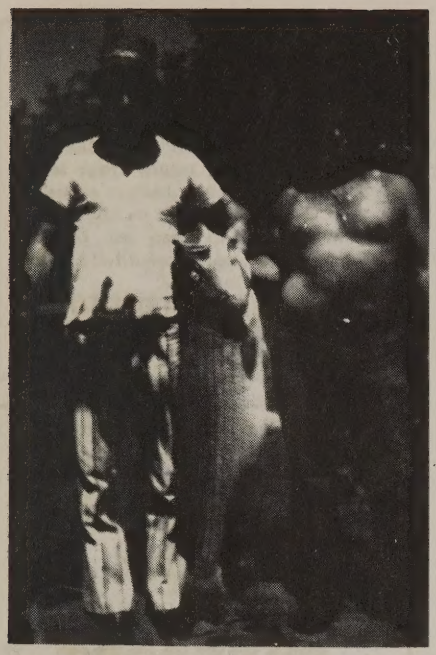
Many, many bass ranging from schoolies to the mid-teens, says Fred Archer at Mamaroneck Fishing Station. Biggest of the week went to Mr. Acampopa, who used mackerel for his 26 lb. 9 oz. striper. Smaller fish are succumbing to trolled sandworms, with an increasing number of accidental weakfish catches every day. Some of these weaks are weighing in at better than 5 lbs.

NEW ROCHELLE

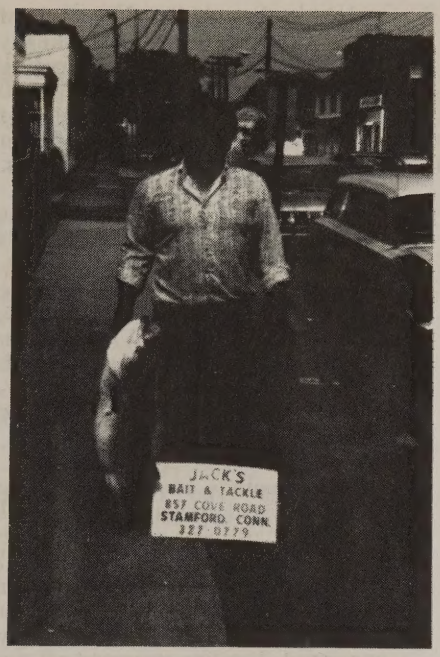
Jimmy Christian did it again. Three more bass, scaling 10, 20 and 35 lbs. were taken by him. Both mackerel chunks and worms caught fish. Beckwith Beach is a hotspot for humpbacked porgies, and flounder. Some of the flats are weighing in at a pound or more. Rudy Albert was trolling for bass when he hooked and landed a 6 lb. weakfish.

RYE

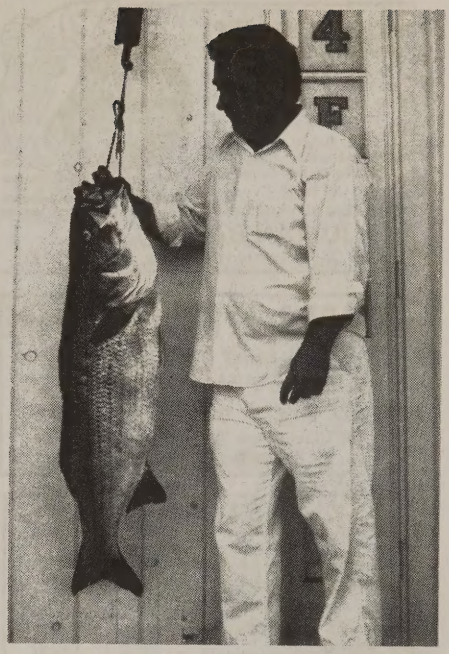
Danny was out fishing, but Rick Ferris buzzed him by radio, while he



Joe Ioveneo and Ralph Anorio pose with a 56 lb. bass, caught at Niantic on June 9. Which one actually caught the fish?



Steve Romalles took this 24½ lb. bass in the waters off Stamford, Connecticut. Photo by Jack's Sporting Goods.



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was right in the middle of a couple of acres of breaking bass. He'd already taken and released several ranging from 10 to 16 lbs. Ken Cook caught 30 fish the day before, releasing all but five. Point Tackle has also been receiving improving weakfish reports.

GREENWICH

We spoke with Bob Bain who was minding the store at the Sportsman's Den. Russ must have gone fishing. Bob tells us that a few weaks are being taken in Greenwich Cove. In addition, big schools of bunker have been spotted in Greenwich waters, with something working under them. Whether it's bass or blues, the weekend will probably tell.

NORWALK

Which reminds me of a fishing adventure I had during the week. I was fishing Browns Point in the Norwalk Islands with mackerel chunks for bass. I'd been there for better than an hour without even a pick-up from a sea robin when finally it happened. The line streamed off the reel, and to make a long story short, when I brought the fish near the boat, it wasn't a bass, but a big blue scaling between 12 and 15 lbs. that I was playing. Then I did a dam-fool thing. Instead of swinging the fish aboard, I took the time to reach for my gaff. Those sharp teeth severed the 60 lb. mono, I missed with the gaff, and the fish swam away. At least I know there are big blues around.

Hoppy Coombis of the South Norwalk Boat Club had reports of weakfish schooled off Browns the following morning, but my deadlines didn't permit me a trip out. Just maybe we'll see the weaks open up finally this week. It's bass all over for SNBC members Hank Arena and Topper Forite, who've both caught several respectable fish, but are looking to top Dino Congolani's fish. Rick Carroll continues to catch bass and weaks both, and is the envy of many adults.

Rita Utz at Four Winds Bait & Tackle weighed in a 42 lb. bass for Jimmy DeMelio. It was caught in the Norwalk Islands on mackerel. Tom Cutrone came in with a pair of weaks, scaling 4 and 5 lbs., and another angler, Peter Leone, caught a weakfish from Calf Pasture Pier. Bob Utz took several flounder outside Cockenoe Island, some weighing to 1½ lbs.

Vinny Mola of Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle reports no spectacular catches, and is waiting for the blues to break loose. A few weakfish, combined with lots of small bass, blackfish and porgies are helping to make the wait shorter.

At the Tackle Box, Gloria Borges has received some good weakfish reports from the waters around Manresa Island. Stripers are still the

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big news though. Hubby, Tom, in three days of fishing, took five fish from 10 to 20 lbs., all on mackerel. Dick Wilson hit a weakfish of 6 lbs. 11 ozs. fishing behind Grassy Island.

In Rowayton, Roy DeMague has been real busy while Burt is on vacation, but had time to tell us about Phil Anera's 20 lb. bass. Lots of schoolies in Darien waters, too.

STAMFORD

Jack Karwosky did the honors for Mike Vodola, who took a 42 lb. bass on mackerel one day, and followed up by fishing live eels and collecting a 32 pounder. Several other fish were reported at Jack's Bait & Tackle. Ed Feighery, in two days, recorded five fish weighing between 16 and 22 lbs. Bob Festo fished Cove Pond with mackerel, and took five bass between 15 and 24 lbs. School bass are especially prolific in the Cove. Guy Cramer took four weakfish, and on the fresh water side, Mike Dellaventura took a trophy 2 lb. 13½ oz. trout.

At Pat's Marina, Chris Chirillo told of Eddie Mayka, a New Jersey angler, whi, fishing from Pat's boat, caught 25 blackfish weighing as much as 7 lbs. More bass were recorded by Steve Pelakakis, to back up that 50 pounder of last week. His bass of 38 and 42 lbs. were again taken on mackerel. Gary Chirillo and Richard Krieger have been cleaning up on school fish, both at the "cows" and at Collanders. Sand porgies are hitting at Shippan.

BOATS

John Minnitti continues to sail the Delmar out of Greenwich daily to excellent blackfishing. Some fish to 8 lbs. have been recorded, along with some bonus sea bass.

In Norwalk, Tom Duscio, skipper of the Theresa-L, has been providing mixed bags, including blacks, sea bass, small porgies, and weaks.

Pete Pearson, skipper of the Klondike out of New Rochelle, reports blackfish taking most of the daily pools, with porgies and weakfish as an added bonus. Some of the weaks are running to 5 lbs.

NEW JERSEY

PETE BARRETT

SANDY HOOK

Julian's Sport Shop reported good catches of stripers on bunker, bunker spoons and tubes from Sandy Hook down to the Highlands Bridge. Vince Grippo weighed in bass to 27 lbs. Neil Givens had a 31½ pounder, Danny Braun, a 28 lb. striper, and a 41 pounder went to Leo Breita. Bluefishing is picking up for chummers at the B.A. Buoy. Fluke are hitting inside the Hook between the pound nets and the beach.

Manny's Sport Shop reported good striper fishing drifting worms under the Highlands Bridge. Flynn's Knoll is good for fluke with killies, spearing and squid.

SEABRIGHT

Giglio's reported excellent striper fishing for boaters and surfmen. Frank Petillo limited out in his cartopper, biggest for him going 42½ lbs. Lots of bass were caught from the surf up to 29½ lbs. on sandworms. Fluke fishing is excellent from the jetties or drifting in the bay. Squid is the bait to use according to Armand.

LONG BRANCH

Fluke and bass are the main attraction at Long Branch. Monmouth Tackle reported good fluke catches from the jetties. Bigger fish were caught drifting in the rivers where some small bass and blues are also available. On the ocean side, Willie Frezza has been chucking eels at night for bass up to 28 lbs. George Difazio cleaned up with ¾ oz. Creek Chub poppers on school fish.

The Long Branch Pier reported excellent fluke fishing for fish in the small to medium category.

HUDSON RIVER

PETE BARRETT

KINGSTON

Roy's Bait & Tackle reported good smallmouth fishing at Roundout CReek using shiners and Mepps #1 spinners. Hidden Lake and Mare Lake both gave up 8 lb. largemouths for fishermen using shiners. Rifton Dam is still doing well with crappies. The Mumbackous and Accord Creeks are good for trout using pale evening Duns, Mepps, spinners and worms.

WAPPINGERS FALLS

Al Brenenstoul at the B & M Bait Shop said, "Largemouth bass action in Wappingers Lake is picking up." Most bass are small, going to 3 lbs. They are taken on shiners, jointed Rebels and rubber worms. Catfishing is good at night with worms fished on the bottom.

HOPEWELL JUNCTION

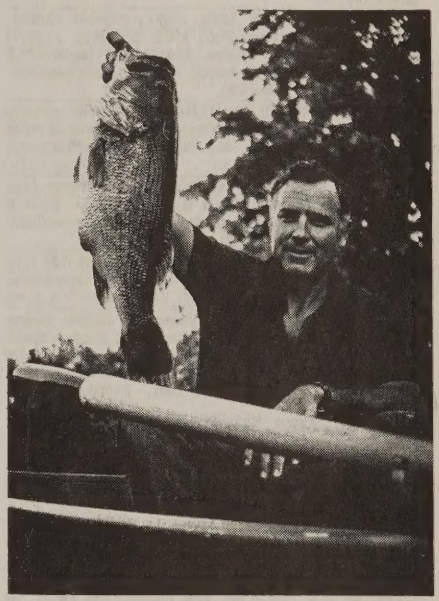
Joe's Bait & Tackle reported largemouth bass up to 5 lbs. hitting lures, live bait, worms and artificials. This action is taking place at Sylvan Lake, White's Pond and other nearby lakes. Trout fishing takes a backseat to the bass for a while, but browns and rainbows are taking artificials and bait in the nearby streams and lakes. Striper fishing fell off drastically due to an oil spill at Beacon.

VERPLANCK

Ace and Charlie's reported some striper fishing at the oyster beds and Roa Hook. Most fishermen are concentrating on perch and eels; crabs are just starting to show.

FORT LEE

The Outdoorsman Ltd. reported good catches of perch, eels and crabs at the Interstate Park. Some catfish are biting on herring chunks at Alpine.



Doc Bartik who has been known to take many large bass, went and did it again - here he is shown with an 8 lb. 13½ oz. largemouth. The big bass was fooled by a purple Fliptail worm lure at Lake Ronkonkoma.

This 32 lb. goosefish was caught by Loretta Skuza at Fire Island Inlet. Loretta was drifting for fluke when the monster hit.

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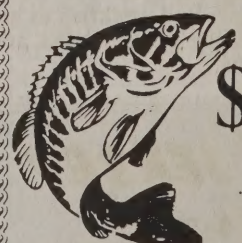

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SOUTH SHORE Long Island

SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	6:28	6:53
Fri.	7:26	7:46
Sat.	8:20	8:37
Sun.	9:13	9:29
Mon.	10:06	10:21
Tues.	10:59	11:12
Wed.	11:55	
Thurs.	12:04	12:46

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunk Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	+0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
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EASTERN LONG ISLAND

NEW LONDON STATION

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Thurs.	7:56	8:14
Fri.	8:50	9:07
Sat.	9:45	10:02
Sun.	10:38	10:54
Mon.	11:33	11:49
Tues.		12:28
Wed.	12:44	1:25
Thurs.	1:44	2:20

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	−0	27
Connecticut River	−1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	−0	12
Greenport	−1	04
Southold	−1	43
New Suffolk	−2	26
South Jamesport	−2	32
Shinnecock Canal	−2	33
Noyack Bay	−2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

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	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	2:45	**9:35**	3:30	**10:05**
Fri.	3:45	**10:35**	4:20	**11:05**
Sat.	4:45	**11:35**	5:20	
Sun.	5:45	**12:05**	6:20	**12:40**
Mon.	6:50	**1:10**	7:20	**1:45**
Tues.	8:00	**2:15**	8:25	**2:40**
Wed.	8:55	**3:10**	9:20	**3:35**
Thurs.	9:40	**4:00**	10:10	**4:25**

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	9:51	10:13
Fri.	10:58	11:14
Sat.	11:57	
Sun.	12:09	12:53
Mon.	1:07	1:49
Tues.	2:03	2:41
Wed.	3:00	3:36
Thurs.	3:58	4:33

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	9:59	10:15
Fri.	10:53	11:11
Sat.	11:48	
Sun.	12:05	12:40
Mon.	12:57	1:30
Tues.	1:49	2:23
Wed.	2:43	3:15
Thurs.	3:34	4:06

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	−0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	−0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	−0	20
Truman Beach	−0	42

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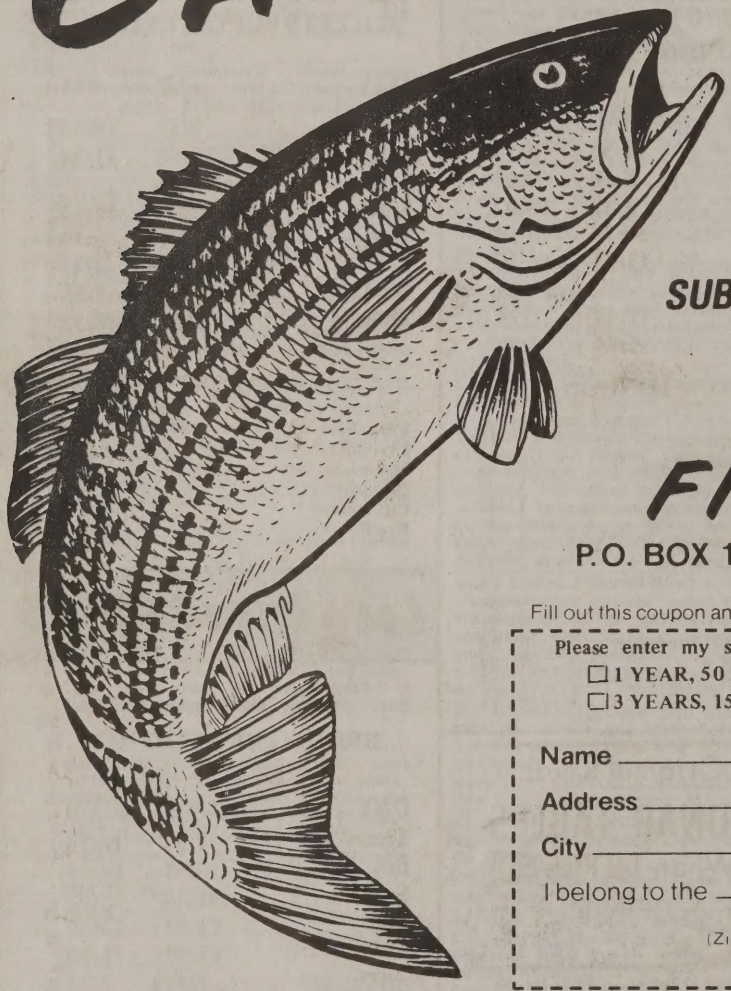

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